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East Helena Lead Education and Assistance Program  
Advisory Minutes  
Oct. 19, 2016  
East Helena City Hall

**Present:**

Betsy Burns, USEPA  
Kathy Ericksen, EPA  
Daryl Reed, DEQ  
Kathy Moore, Lewis and Clark Public Health  
Debb Tillo, LEAP  
Jan Williams, LEAP  
Judy Leland, East Helena City Council

Kathy M called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. She asked if there were any public comments and there were none. Kathy asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes and there were also none. Betsy made a motion to approve the minutes and Jan seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read.

**Program Reports:**

**RCRA**

- The PPC realignment is moving along and they are completing construction of the slag pile toe berm embankment in the northern section of the PPC floodplain as well as the temporary bypass overflow berm and weir.
- Betsy said the "Ceremonial Creek Celebration" hosted by EPA and the Custodial Trust had a very good turnout and received great TV coverage.

- Other items Betsy touched upon included:
  - ✓ The Water Treatment Plant has been demolished and water will no longer be treated on-site.
  - ✓ Envirocon is expected to demobilize all equipment from the plant site by the end of the month.
  - ✓ She is working on the RCRA budget.
  - ✓ She is also working on the Corrective Measures Report and hopes to have the first draft completed by the first quarter in 2017.
  - ✓ The Trust has removed 2 spurs from Hwy 282 and one from the Manlove area.

## **CERCLA**

- PWT along with their subcontractor, O'Keefe Drilling, are in the process of soil boring and sampling of soils in the East Fields Repository to make sure no migration of metals toward the groundwater is occurring from the repository. It was noted that the soil borings are hitting clay at about 25 ft.
- The Trust is also putting a sentinel well on the north end of the East Fields.
- An additional task order is needed for PWT to begin work on a QAPP for blood lead screenings and environmental assessments.

Kathy M said we have our 'first well' interest in the Controlled Ground Water Area (CGWA). The Dartman well belongs to the Trust and was originally appropriated for residential use and would now like to be changed to recreational use. Earlier this month, the Custodial Trust, the Water Quality Protection District, and the East Helena Public Schools (EHPS) reviewed plans to petition the East Valley Controlled Ground Water Area Technical Assistance Group and DNRC for approval to change the allowed use of the Dartman well so that EHPS can use the well for irrigating recreational fields. They plan to submit the request for a change in use next month. Bob Anderson will be filling out the permit for Hydrometrics and the flow rate will be monitored on this well.

Debb stated that the LEAP will be participating in the East Helena Halloween Stroll at East Helena City Hall on Oct 31<sup>st</sup> from 5-7 p.m. Businesses around town will also be opening their doors with goodies for the trick-or-treaters during the stroll.

New certification cards been sent out to approximately 140 homeowners and contractors. Certification cards expire after 2 years and are renewed accordingly if no changes have been made to the current soil regulation.

Debb gave the following updates for the soil regulation since the last meeting:

811 calls – 171

Certifications –10

Soil Displacement permits – 14

Jan has sent out the summer 2016 LEAP newsletter. She and Debb successfully completed Lead Inspector/Risk Assessor training in Grand Forks, North Dakota last month. An additional fee (which is good for 3 years) of \$410 per person is required for individual EPA certification plus \$550 for Lewis and Clark County to become an EPA certified firm. When the appropriate fees have been paid and the paperwork is complete the LEAP will be able to provide the valuable service of free lead inspections/risk and environmental assessments to the East Helena Superfund community.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2016 at 9:00 in the East Helena City Council Chambers.

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.