



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PLAN UPDATE

RESPONSIVENESS SUMMARY

August 18, 2016

Overview of the Community Involvement Update

Community involvement is integral to a successful cleanup of the Libby Asbestos Superfund site. EPA has implemented a robust program of community participation which began in 1999 and continues today.

As stated in the updated Community Involvement Plan (CIP), the purpose is to determine EPA's site-specific strategy for informing and engaging with community members. This document provides a roadmap for the site team's use and describes outreach to address community needs. The CIP is usually updated every five years or after decision documents are signed for the site. The CIP update takes into consideration the previous CIP (Community Engagement Plan of 2010) and a 2011 report to EPA's Inspector General (An Overall Strategy Can Improve Communications Efforts at Asbestos Superfund Site in Libby, Montana).

Public Comment on the Community Involvement Update

As recommended by the Inspector General, EPA hosted a 30-day public comment period on the CIP update. The comment period ended August 8, 2016 and EPA received comments from one organization. We also had a citizen call and provide some updated contact information for community organizations listed in the CIP update.

The comment was received from the Lincoln County Port Authority/Kootenai River Development Council expressing concern about the timeline for institutional controls and operation and maintenance for Industrial Park and the former Stimson Lumber Mill (Operable Unit 5). The commenter is interested in redevelopment of this area and requested that EPA move more quickly to finalize long-term management plans. EPA's response to the comments is that Operable Unit 5 is a priority for completion and that the team anticipates a fast-track to deletion. The projected milestone dates in the CIP update of spring and fall 2017 are a conservative estimate that can be adjusted based on collaborative efforts between EPA, the Port Authority, Lincoln County and the State of Montana.