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We hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the longer days as we head into Spring. As we continue to strive for increased transparency and engagement within the Butte community, we are pleased to share summaries of our recent meetings.

Meeting Summaries:

Butte Community Conversation

EPA hosted a community conversation on March 5, 2024, at Butte Brewing Company. The meeting introduced new BPSOU Remedial Project Managers (RPMs) and Community Involvement Coordinators (CICs) and provided information about the updated national lead policy guidance and an overview of the steps for implementation. [View meeting recording.](#)

Butte Priority Soils Operable Unit (BPSOU) Remedial Design/Remedial Action Progress Meeting (RDRA Progress Meeting)

This technical meeting, held on March 26, 2024, was opened for public observation as part of our ongoing pilot. Public observation means a virtual attendance option was provided for the purpose of listening and observing without participation. This meeting provided an overview and update on the BPSOU corridor projects planned and the timing for technical review. For a detailed overview of the discussions, please refer to the [meeting summary document](#), taken by facilitator Mike Hughes. A video of the meeting will be available on EPA's website in the coming weeks.

The next RDRA Progress meeting will be **April 23, 2024 from 9-11 am**. You can observe the meeting via Microsoft Teams. [You can join here!](#)

The Repository Siting Committee meeting

The Repository Siting Study Committee (RSS) met on March 28th to review the Draft Final Repository Screening Report which outlines the findings of the RSS Committee and its recommendation to prioritize the Berkeley Pit as a repository location for waste from the Silver Bow Creek Corridor. The report will be presented to the public at the [Council of Commissioners meeting on April 24](#) and the Citizens

Technical Advisory Committee meeting on April 25. The RSS Committee performed initial evaluations of potential sites, and incorporated the extensive public feedback received following presentation of the Preliminary Screening Report in November 2023. The siting process will now move into the detailed evaluation phase. A Draft Detailed Evaluation and Recommendations Report is expected to be complete and shared with the public this summer.

In Case You Missed it:

Office Hours:

EPA is excited to announce the introduction of office hours dedicated to addressing your questions and hearing your ideas. We are looking forward to the opportunity to talk directly with you.

EPA RPMs Emma Rott and Molly Roby started holding regular office hours on April 9th and they will continue throughout the Spring/Summer in Butte every Tuesday from 11 AM-2 PM. During these sessions, you can drop by to discuss ongoing Site work, ask questions about technical information, or any Butte Superfund related topics. Whether you are seeking clarification on a particular subject or want to share your thoughts, we look forward to seeing you!

Office Hours Details:

Tuesday's Starting April 9, 2024

11 AM- 2 PM

Butte-Silver Bow Readiness Center BLDG. A

600 Gilman Ave. Butte, MT

Butte, MT 59701

If there is more than one person present, we will limit the time slot to 15 minutes to accommodate everyone. These office hours will be in-person for now, but we are looking to explore a virtual scheduling option as well.

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Don't forget about Questions and Answers on the website:

Here are some we have received over the past few months along with some highlights. Feel free to take a look!

- [The latest Q&A's from Dr. Ray](#)
- [Community Resources highlights](#)

Other Community Resources

- [Montana DEQ](#)

- [Butte Silver-Bow](#)
- bpsou.com
- [Butte Natural Resources Council](#)
- pitwatch.org
- [Clark Fork Watershed Education Program \(CFWEP\)](#)

Thank you once again for your continued dedication and involvement with the Butte cleanup.