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Silver Bow Creek / Butte Area

Community Engagement & EPA's New Office

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Community Engagement Goals

- **Provide early and frequent opportunities for stakeholders to participate**
- **Define the roles and responsibilities of EPA and other agencies and communicate what EPA can and cannot do**
- **Produce outcomes that are responsive to stakeholder concerns**
- **Evaluate and measure the effectiveness of community engagement activities**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in consultation with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), makes critical decisions to protect human health and the environment throughout the Superfund process. These decisions, related to cleanup of contamination and management of waste left in place, directly affect communities. The people who are most affected by the decision have a voice in the decision-making process. EPA remains committed to engaging and working with affected communities throughout the entire Superfund process and especially during decision-making phases.

Community engagement is about interactions that build relationships and about recognizing and emphasizing the community's role in identifying concerns and providing input. Good relationships and dialogue lead to identifying common interests and exploring solutions together. The agency recognizes that EPA's culture of seeking stakeholder input must be at the forefront of the way we make decisions. EPA understands and appreciates that the success of a cleanup is dependent on effective partnerships with the public and between government agencies.

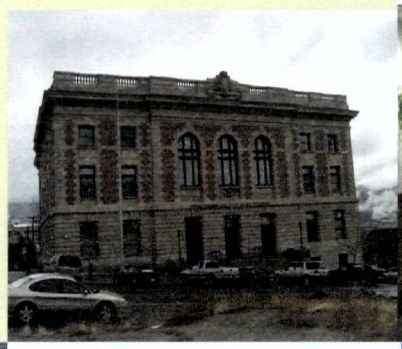
EPA's internal goal is a "One Cleanup," "One Team" project management approach. This approach enables all team members to understand project facts and community dynamics, to effectively communicate an accurate message to the public. EPA wants to ensure that decisions consider the results of community consultation. EPA is committed to promoting continual improvements to community engagement through:

- Training key EPA personnel, to strengthen communication and community engagement skills;
- Enhancing outreach through a variety of tools and techniques;
- Presentation of complex scientific and technical data so that all diverse stakeholders can participate in an informed and meaningful way, including disadvantaged and at-risk populations.

Tour of remediated areas and discussion of Butte Reclamation Evaluation System (BRES) with Butte Restoration Alliance Members – July 2007

EPA HAS A NEW OFFICE!

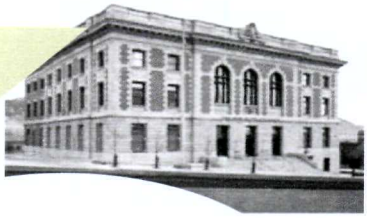
The new EPA office is located on the corner of Copper and Main in the Mike Mansfield Federal Building. The building is Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant. Anyone coming in to visit must have a photo I.D. After a brief security check visitors can find Sara Sparks and Jean Cannada on the third floor in room 339. EPA looks forward to meeting with you in the new office.



New Office Address:

U.S. EPA Butte Office
400 North Main Street
Butte, Montana 59701

Mike Mansfield Federal Building



Room 339
Phone #'s are the same!

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