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PARROT TAILINGS WASTE REMOVAL PROJECT



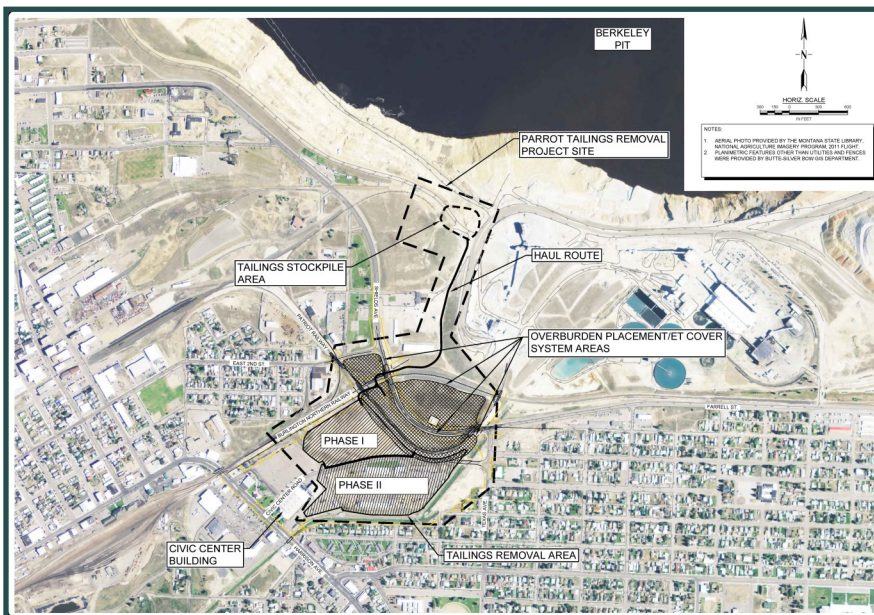
As part of a BPSOU settlement, Atlantic Richfield would provide funding to the State which would be used for certain Blacktail Creek work and for restoration actions coordinated and/or integrated with BPSOU remedy. The State would perform both the Confluence work at Blacktail Creek and the Parrot Tailings Waste Removal as restoration. The Confluence work would be performed by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) as part of its Blacktail Creek work. The Parrot Tailings Waste Removal continues to be implemented through the Montana Natural Resource Damage Program (NRDP).



Parrot tailings waste removal is separated into two phases. Phase 1 activities consist of removal of overburden and waste materials north of Civic Center Road. Phase 2 calls for Civic Center Road adjacent to the BSB Shop Complex to be removed to Texas Avenue and overburden and waste excavated on the south side of Civic Center Road. In order for Phase 2 construction to begin, the BSB Shop Complex would need to be removed once the new facility is constructed. A contractor for Phase 1 work was selected in May. Phase 1 construction should begin in June and be completed by early 2019.

Excess overburden, which includes slag, will be placed nearby beneath an evapotranspiration (ET) cover system in order to minimize the potential for groundwater contamination from overburden. Excavated tailings will be transported to a temporary stockpile location above the Berkeley Pit area within Montana Resources mine permitted area. Montana Resources will then take responsibility of the tailings pursuant to its operating permits, transporting them to an active mining area. Selected rock and fill that is free of contamination will be returned to the site in order

to establish grades necessary for post removal land uses.



Periodic updates will provide the latest information about activities at the Parrot Tailings Removal Site.

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