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Listing Status: No update since the CFAC site was proposed to be added to the National Priorities List in 2015. EPA has read and considered all the public comments submitted during the open public comment period is nearing the end of the decision making process.

EPA expects to make a final decision in the fall. You will be notified when that happens. EPA will schedule follow up meetings with the community afterwards to discuss the final decision and what it means for EPA, the community, CFAC and other PRP's, and stakeholder groups.

- If the site is added to the NPL, the site is a Superfund site and becomes eligible to additional resources to investigate and clean up the site.
- If the site is not added, it will not be a Superfund site and may remain proposed or be removed?
- In any scenario, EPA will stay active until the site is investigated, any cleanup work is finished, and the site is eligible for future reuse.

The proposal to list the CFAC site was based on evidence the site needed further investigation and cleanup of hazardous waste.

Next steps: A remedial investigation (RI) of the site is underway. Drilling and the last round of surveying is expected to be finished before the end of August. Surface and ground water sampling is scheduled to start in September.

When completed, it will show the nature and extent of contamination and potential risks to human health and the environment. That information will provide the framework for any necessary cleanup. The RI will take place over the next few years and a final report is expected by February 2020.

A feasibility study (FS) identifies and evaluates options for addressing risks identified in the RI. The final FS is due the first quarter 2021.

Based on this information EPA may then publish a proposed plan identifying alternatives and a preferred approach to addressing site risks and take public comments on the proposed plan. EPA would then evaluate all comments on the proposed plan before issuing a Record of Decision (ROD) to identify the selected cleanup approach.

The EPA would then work with the State and PRPs to design technical specifications for the remedy during the Remedial Design phase.

Actual construction or implementation of the cleanup occurs during the Remedial Design phase.

Community involvement Plan (CIP): A community involvement plan summarizes public concerns about the site and outlines how people can engage throughout the Superfund process.

in June, EPA met with local Columbia Falls residents, adjacent land owners, former CFAC workers, local business owners, elected officials, and representatives of other parts of the community. These community interviews were a part of a broader effort to develop the CIP. Thank you to everyone who shared your time and perspectives during this process.

A draft of the CIP is scheduled for public review in the fall and will be sent to you. Your feedback will be encouraged so that we can revise the plan and have a final draft available before next year.

CIPs are meant for the long term to meet specific needs for information and engagement that can change. The CIP will be updated periodically to reflect the current and ongoing conditions at the site and the perspectives of the community. Thank you in advance for your engagement during future public meetings, community interviews, another site related engagement opportunities.

Project Leaders and Contacts: Please contact us anytime with questions, information, and feedback.

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