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RE: FDMS Docket # EPA-HQ-SFUND-2015-0139

The Columbia Falls City Council supports the listing of the Columbia Falls Aluminum Company Plant (CFAC) on the National Priorities List. The Council recognizes the importance of the process, particularly the completion of the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study. As the owner of the property elected to end negotiations with MT DEQ, DEQ and EPA must ensure that remediation and cleanup will occur in a timely manner.

The City Council, on behalf of the community, express their desire to see the site cleaned up, preventing the spread of groundwater contaminants. Providing clean, safe drinking water is important to the Council and to that end, the City has made significant investments in providing safe drinking water to the citizens of Columbia Falls. While the testing of the City's well have not revealed that the known contaminants from the CFAC site have made their way into the City's drinking water supply as of now, the City would not like to see cleanup and remedial action delayed until the City is faced with costly emergency measures to protect the City's water supply.

Also important, is the redevelopment of the CFAC site to provide long-term, sustainable employment and development in the community.

Please record the City Council's unanimous support of the listing of the CFAC site on the National Priorities List.

Sincerely,

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