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Martin and Sandy – just a heads up on the off chance that our notifications generate any press coverage over the weekend. Rob and Victor have notified the resident as well as talked to MDEQ, and are in the process of calling local officials, the representative from Senator Testers office we have been working with, a rep of the facility, and other stakeholders. We can discuss further on Monday if you have questions. Johanna

Columbia Falls Aluminum Smelter Site Reassessment – The Superfund Site Assessment Program is completing a site reassessment of the Columbia Falls Aluminum Smelter near Columbia Falls, MT. Environmental sampling conducted as part of the Site Reassessment measured a cyanide concentration in a domestic well of 111 ug/l. This well is located down-gradient of the site and serves 5 households. While this concentration is below the Safe Drinking Water Act MCL of 200 ug/l, it is greater than the tap water drinking water risk screening level of 9.4 ug/l and tap water inhalation risk screening level of 1.4 ug/l. Since the well cyanide concentration was higher than the risk screening levels, this was referred to the emergency response program. Initially, the emergency response program will sample domestic wells in the neighborhood of the well identified with elevated cyanide levels. A response action plan will be developed based on the sampling results. The homeowner and elected officials will be notified of the cyanide measured in residential wells on March 14. The EPA Site Assessment Manager will meet with the public in April to discuss the site reassessment report. **Contacts: Robert Parker, 312-6664 and Paul Peronard, 312-6808**

From: Ketellapper, Victor
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Attached is the draft hot topic for the CFAC site. It will need to be updated based on Rob's conversations with local officials today.

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