Message

From: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa [Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov]
Sent: 12/10/2014 4:14:52 PM
To: Mylott, Richard [Mylott.Richard@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: CFAC Press Release

That was on the news last night as well.
http://www.kpax.com/news/cfac-breaks-off-talks-over-columbia-falls-plant-cleanup/

From: Mylott, Richard
Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2014 8:59 AM
To: Russo, Rebecca
Cc: Smith, Paula; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa
Subject: FW: CFAC Press Release

Fyi. Some interesting developments in Columbia Falls MT.

From: Parker, Robert
Sent: Tuesday, December 09, 2014 5:09 PM
To: jchambers@mt.gov; demartin@mt.gov; Garcin, Jeni (DEQ)
Cc: Miller, Johanna; Ketellapper, Victor; Peterson, Cynthia; Mylott, Richard; Vranka, Joe; DalSoglio, Julie
Subject: Fw: CFAC Press Release

Hi Jenny, Denise and Jeni-

I want to make sure you guys see this. I'll be back in the office tomorrow and will plan to get our key messages to you.

If asked, since EPA wasn't involved, I plan to defer to DEQ any intricate questions regarding the issues that prevented an agreement from being reached. Should we defer questions to Jeni G?

I believe our meeting with Susan N is scheduled for 3:30, so I'm sure we'll have some time to get together prior to the 6pm meeting. Maybe we could plan for 5:30 or so and find a smaller room in the high school to meet?

Thanks,
Rob

From: Sloan, Virginia (Tester) <Virginia_Sloan@tester.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 9, 2014 3:19:05 PM
To: Parker, Robert
Subject: FW: CFAC Press Release

As promised. . . the press release. Anxious to hear your thoughts on this one.

Press Release
Columbia Falls Aluminum Company, LLC
CFAC Committed to Assessing Site

Columbia Falls Aluminum Company, LLC (CFAC) is committed to assessing soil and groundwater impacts at its Columbia Falls, Montana site but has ended discussions with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to enter into an Administrative Order on Consent for the investigation.

After operating nearly continuously since 1954 under various owners, plant operations were idled on October 31, 2009. In late 2012, acting on specific requests, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) agreed to evaluate the plant for a second time (Based on its first evaluation, the EPA decided the plant did not meet the Superfund criteria.) to determine if conditions warrant classifying the CFAC property as a Superfund Site.
In April, 2014, EPA published its report, finding that the plant might qualify as a Superfund site. DEQ assumed the role of lead agency on the CFAC project. CFAC, EPA and DEQ met to discuss and set a course of action. Throughout this process, CFAC has been committed to assessing the environmental conditions at the site and has hired specialty environmental consultant Roux Associates to develop a site assessment plan.
In the early summer of 2014, DEQ undertook the task of writing a "white paper", which remains undone. Instead, DEQ submitted an "Administrative Order on Consent" to CFAC and demanded immediate acceptance by CFAC. Under these conditions and after working diligently to establish a joint resolution with DEQ, CFAC is no longer negotiating with DEQ regarding the investigation.
CFAC understands and concurs that it is in the best interest of all to move forward with a thorough assessment of the site conditions and options for addressing any historical impacts. CFAC has assembled a team of professionals to lead the efforts to define and resolve the outstanding issues at the Columbia Falls plant site and remains fully committed to completing the job in a timely and competent manner.
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From: Cheryl Driscoll [mailto:Cheryl.Driscoll@glencore-us.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 09, 2014 3:14 PM
To: Sloan, Virginia (Tester)
Subject: CFAC Press Release

Please find attached for your information a press release to be issued by our subsidiary, Columbia Fall Aluminnum Company, LLC.

Best Regards,
Cheryl Driscoll

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