Message

From: Costanzi, Frances [Costanzi.Frances@epa.gov]
Sent: 4/1/2015 12:10:05 AM
To: Vranka, Joe [vranka.joe@epa.gov]; Parker, Robert [Parker.Robert@epa.gov]
CC: Mylott, Richard [Mylott.Richard@epa.gov]; Ketellapper, Victor [Ketellapper.Victor@epa.gov]; Faulk, Libby [Faulk.Libby@epa.gov]; Peterson, Cynthia [Peterson.Cynthia@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: statement on CFAC

Folks...I'm not sure if you dug all this up already, but here's links to some of the things Joe mentioned and more:

Silver Bow case study: http://epa.gov/aml/tech/silverbow-case.pdf

Libby Asbestos OU1 case study: http://epa.gov/aml/tech/libby-case.pdf

Milltown case study (which Cynthia may have already sent, not sure from the email train!):
http://www.epa.gov/superfund/programs/recycle/pdf/milltown-casestudy.pdf

Milltown is also one of the highlighted sites in a video:
http://www.epa.gov/superfund/programs/recycle/info/recreational-video.html

We have a regional economic report from 2014 which has a summary of the Montana sites:
http://www.epa.gov/superfund/programs/recycle/pdf/region8-reuse-2014.pdf

There a summary of the reuse charrette we did at East Helena:
http://www.epa.gov/superfund/programs/recycle/pdf/easthelena-reuse.pdf

Here's a short summary on some brief Montana site reuse info:
http://www.epa.gov/superfund/programs/recycle/live/region8_mt.html#1

That's what's coming to my mind quickly. Please let me know if you have questions. Also, and as always, if you know of a good Superfund reuse story that needs a write-up, please let me know!

Thanks!

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-----Original Message-----
From: Vranka, Joe
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 8:09 AM
To: Parker, Robert
Cc: Mylott, Richard; Ketellapper, Victor; Costanzi, Frances; Faulk, Libby; Peterson, Cynthia
Subject: RE: statement on CFAC

Hi, Rob:

There are many examples of cleanup and redevelopment in Montana that would not have occurred if not for Superfund. I'll work to get you some more examples. The Milltown example below is a good one. A redevelopment fact sheet was also prepared for Butte a couple of years ago. I'll see if I can find that. There are parks and trails throughout Butte that preserve the historic heritage and provide public amenities in addition to the cleanup that has been accomplished. Anaconda got a $50 million Jack Nicklaus golf course (Old Works Golf Course) 20 years ago through cleanup and redevelopment, and has seen redevelopment in areas that have been cleaned up that benefits the local economy. EPA conducted a removal action at the Moose Lodge property in the Black Eagle community in Great Falls that facilitated development of low income housing.

I'll see what I can pull together quickly, but there are many more examples of the benefits of environmental cleanup under Superfund. The governor's office prepared a publication a few years ago about Montana's "Restoration Economy." I'll see if I can dig that up, too.

Thank you,

Joe

-----Original Message-----
From: Peterson, Cynthia
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 7:47 AM
To: Parker, Robert; Vranka, Joe; Faulk, Libby
Cc: Mylott, Richard; Ketellapper, Victor; Costanzi, Frances
Subject: RE: statement on CFAC

Hi, Rob.

I've attached a couple of documents about the Milltown Reservoir Sediments site. A lot of work has been done there and a successful reuse/redevelopment project has been completed. Fran Costanzi could give you more details if you would like.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Parker, Robert
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2015 4:52 PM
To: Vranka, Joe; Faulk, Libby; Peterson, Cynthia
Cc: Mylott, Richard; Ketellapper, Victor
Subject: RE: statement on CFAC

This question came up again today. Tristan Scott with the Flathead Beacon had questions regarding Rep Zinke's claim that none of the 18 sites in MT have been delisted. I tried to use similar language as what we've previously used below where we discuss how benefits come to the site before they're deleted. Tristan understood this idea and wanted to highlight some examples in the Beacon.

Tristan requested two or three examples of how sites have had improvements while still listed. I told him I'd send the request to our Helena office since they do most of the work on MT NPL sites, but if anyone here has an examples, I'd appreciate it. A few details around the examples provided below would be great. Tristan's deadline is Friday so I'm hopeful that we can get back to him in the next couple days.

Thanks,
Rob

-----Original Message-----
From: Mylott, Richard
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 3:08 PM
To: Peterson, Cynthia; Faulk, Libby
Cc: Parker, Robert
Subject: FW: statement on CFAC

Fyi, Joe Vranka helped with below, and I added a bit more on the fact that Montana sites are large mining districts and gw sites that require long term attention. I think we're good for now. Will let you know if we get any follow ups. I expect that CFAC will continue making this claim, so we should work to refine the messages below.

Rich

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Each SF site is very different in terms of the nature of environmental challenges, the extent of cleanup activity that has occurred to date, and requirements for ongoing monitoring, and next steps. It's worth noting that the majority of Superfund sites in Montana are associated with past mining activities that affect large geographic areas and watersheds. While significant progress has been made to address risk and exposure at these sites, they, by their very nature, often require long-term attention. Similarly, many other sites in Montana involve groundwater plumes and contamination that require long-term monitoring and a review of the remedies in place to ensure that human health remains protected.

There are 16 sites in Montana that are listed on the National Priorities List. An additional 2 sites have been proposed for inclusion on the National Priorities List. Only one of these sites (Mouat Industries) has been partially deleted from the National Priorities List. Despite that statistic, a phenomenal amount of cleanup work has been achieved at these sites, some of which are among the largest contaminated sites in the country. Rivers and streams dead for a century now support fisheries. Communities exposed to contaminated ground water and soil from historic mining practices are now protected from those risks. Contaminated properties have been cleaned up and put back to beneficial use. Parks, trails, and other recreational facilities have been created for public benefit through cleanup and redevelopment. Although the ultimate goal is deletion from the National Priorities List, most sites are cleaned up and redeveloped long before final deletion occurs.

http://www2.epa.gov/region8/montana-cleanup-sites

-----Original Message-----
From: Vranka, Joe
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 2:45 PM
To: Mylott, Richard
Subject: RE: statement on CFAC

Hi, Rich:

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Please let me know if you have any questions or if you require additional information.

Thank you,

Joe

-----Original Message-----
From: Mylott, Richard
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 2:02 PM
To: Vranka, Joe; DalSoglio, Julie
Subject: FW: statement on CFAC

Any ideas? I think we probably need to clarify some SF terminology and the sites where cleanup is complete, ongoing, 5 year reviews, and what delisting actually means.

-----Original Message-----
From: Mylott, Richard
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 1:55 PM
To: Faulk, Libby; Peterson, Cynthia
Cc: Parker, Robert
Subject: FW: statement on CFAC

I could use some help with this one....

-----Original Message-----
From: OBrien, Edward [mailto:Edward.OBrien@mso.umt.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 1:05 PM
To: Mylott, Richard
Subject: RE: statement on CFAC

Turns out I do have 1 question:
CFAC's spokesman says there are 18 superfund sites in Montana, some of which have been Superfund projects since the program's inception 31 years ago. He says no site's (cleanup) has been deemed complete.
Is that true?

-----Original Message-----
From: Mylott, Richard [mailto:Mylott.Richard@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 10:45 AM
To: OBrien, Edward
Subject: RE: statement on CFAC

No problem, Ed. Will keep you on short list when we have news.

-----Original Message-----
From: OBrien, Edward [mailto:Edward.OBrien@mso.umt.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 10:44 AM
To: Mylott, Richard
Subject: RE: statement on CFAC

Rich, how's this for me being a complete pain in your ass? Actually, I think I'm all set for today.
I've just been given a hard deadline and am in full scramble mode just to put together what I have. Thank you so much for the opportunity and for putting up with my whining, but things changed just suddenly changed for me.
I'd love to talk more in the future about this very topic though.

With apologies,
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-----Original Message-----
From: Mylott, Richard [mailto:Mylott.Richard@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 10:40 AM
To: OBrien, Edward
Subject: RE: statement on CFAC

I'll try and get my project lead to give you a call. We're in a bit of a deliberative mode right now so strictly for your information/ hard background would be best. What's your best number?

-----Original Message-----
From: OBrien, Edward [mailto:Edward.OBrien@mso.umt.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 4:00 PM
To: Mylott, Richard
Subject: Re: statement on CFAC

Ok. Thanks.
Even just a little background interview would help.
You have a good rest of your day.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 3, 2015, at 3:30 PM, Mylott, Richard <Mylott.Richard@epa.gov<mailto:Mylott.Richard@epa.gov>> wrote:

I'll check, but I think preference is to wait til we have a little more to say.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 3, 2015, at 1:57 PM, "OBrien, Edward" <Edward.OBrien@mso.umt.edu<mailto:Edward.OBrien@mso.umt.edu>> wrote:

Understood.
One last try and then I'll shut up - promise. Any chance a staffer would be available tomorrow morning?

From: Mylott, Richard [mailto:Mylott.Richard@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 1:54 PM
To: OBrien, Edward
Subject: RE: statement on CFAC

Ed-- I'd love to help, but I'm coordinating with project staff who are traveling and in meetings today, so I'm most comfortable with statement at this point. I expect we may have some news in the next few weeks, will make sure I share with you directly if and when.

http://www2.epa.gov/region8/columbia-falls-aluminum-reduction-plant#6

From: OBrien, Edward [mailto:Edward.OBrien@mso.umt.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 1:10 PM
To: Mylott, Richard
Subject: RE: statement on CFAC

Thanks for the note, Rich.
Think I could give you a call so we could do a quick taped interview? This would make my boss happy.

From: Mylott, Richard [mailto:Mylott.Richard@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 1:07 PM
To: OBrien, Edward
Subject: statement on CFAC

Ed-- not much affected by the CFAC closure news. The closure of the plant does not change EPA's focus on working with the state, the local community, and the site owners to fully assess the site and take cleanup actions that are necessary to protect human health and the environment.

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