COLUMBIA FALLS ALUMINUM SMELTER
SITE ASSESSMENT

QUESTION: When will the EPA conduct a Superfund Program site investigation of the Columbia Falls Aluminum Smelter?

ANSWER:

- The EPA has started planning the site investigation of this facility and will coordinate closely with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality.
- The EPA anticipates completing site assessment activities within one year, depending on available resources.
- Throughout the site investigation, the EPA will work closely with the community to discuss the investigation results, potential environmental concerns, and how environmental cleanup can support redevelopment of this facility.

BACKGROUND

- Senator Tester and Senator Baucus sent a joint letter to the Regional Administrator requesting a Superfund Program site investigation be conducted at this site. The Senators' letter was covered in the local press.
- The current owner, Glencore AG, a Swiss company, ceased production at the facility in October, 2009. Efforts by the Senators to restart aluminum production at this facility have not been successful. The community is interested in the site being redeveloped.
- In the letter, the Senators requested that the EPA work closely with the community to address environmental concerns and support site redevelopment.
- The EPA anticipates completing site assessment activities within one year **pending available resources.**

RESOURCES
(Dollars in Millions):

Approp.	FY 2012 Enacted		FY 2013 Annualized CR		FY 2014 Pres Bud	
	$	FTE	$	FTE	$	FTE
EPM				0.0		
S&T						
SF			$0.1M	0.2		0.2
Total	**$0.0M**	**0.0**	**$0.1M**	**0.2**	**$0.0M**	**0.2**

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