WEEKLY ACTIVITIES REPORT
REGION 8

WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 12, 2014

OFFICE OF ECOSYSTEMS PROTECTION AND REMEDIATION

Last Week –

Demolition Celebration for the Thriftway Brownfield: Located in Denver's Westwood Neighborhood, the Thriftway site was once an auto body shop, laundry, grocery store and even a dance school. Since 2008, the property has not only been a vacant eyesore for the community, but has attracted vagrants and crime. As a result, several nonprofits took an interest in converting the property into a public asset and requested due diligence assistance from EPA's Brownfields Program. Over the past 2 years, the EPA has worked with the Trust for Public Land and the Urban Land Conservancy, as well as CDPHE and the City & County of Denver, to conduct Phase I and II environmental site assessments of the property under its Targeted Brownfields Assessment Program. Shortly after receiving the results from EPA's Phase II assessment, the Urban Land Conservancy took ownership of the property and conducted an asbestos abatement in August 2014. Focused on using real estate to benefit urban communities, this non-profit organization is currently working with CDPHE's Voluntary Cleanup Program to address slightly elevated concentrations of PCE and TCE in groundwater. On Wednesday, a demolition celebration was held marking the first step in reclaiming and transforming the property. Until a viable long term use is determined, soccer fields, a basketball court or above ground gardens are being considered as an intermediary use of the property. The 9News video shows local officials pulling down the sign in front of the former Thriftway:
http://www.9news.com/story/news/local/2014/09/03/thriftway-building-torn-down/15006645/
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***No items to report.**

OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT,COMPLIANCE & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

This Week –

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PROGRAM HOSTS INTERAGENCY PUBLIC MEETING WITH TRIBES AND INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES IN BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA: The Federal Interagency Working Group (IWG) on Environmental Justice (EJ) held a public meeting for Tribes and Indigenous Communities on September 4, 2014, at the Civic Center in Bismarck, North Dakota. The meeting's purpose was to enhance Tribes' and indigenous communities' access to federal agencies and federal programs and also enhance federal agencies' understanding of Tribes', indigenous communities', and indigenous organizations' EJ concerns. There were 69 people in attendance at the meeting, including 25 federal agency representatives from 11 agencies. Members from 14 different Tribes from the Great Plains region were among the meeting attendees. Discussions included a variety of issues impacting those in attendance and a report will follow outlining those issues and themes. The

meeting was hosted by the Region 8 Environmental Justice Program and EPA's Headquarters Office of Environmental Justice and held in conjunction with the United Tribes Tribal Leader Summit. Region 8 attendees included several members of the EJ Team, Alfreda Mitre, and Acting ECEJ ARA Suzanne Bohan who provided welcoming remarks.
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OFFICE OF PARTNERSHIPS AND REGULATORY ASSISTANCE

Last Week—

RADON STAKEHOLDER MEETING IN CASPER, WYOMING: On September 3, 2014, the Wyoming Department of Health's Radon Program hosted a Radon Workshop in Casper, Wyoming. Staff from the Region 8 Indoor Air Program were invited to give opening remarks and discuss the status of EPA's Radon Program. The EPA works in partnership with the Wyoming Radon Program to educate the public on the dangers of radon by providing funding ($92,000 in FY14) and technical support to the State. Attendees to the Workshop included radon contractors, home inspectors and real estate agents from throughout Wyoming. *Information only; no action required by the RA/DRA.*
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This Week—

DRINKING WATER TRIBAL SET-ASIDE PROGRAM FUNDS EMERGENCY PROJECT FOR THE BLACKFEET TRIBE: The EPA Region 8 receives an annual allocation of Drinking Water Tribal Set-Aside funds. After all awards are made, any remaining dollars are reserved for use on emergency situations. The Blackfeet Tribe was recently awarded $48,500 in reserve funds for an emergency piping modification to the Two Medicine Water Plan. *For informational purposes only. No action is required by RA/DRA.*
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Next Week--
EPA REGION 8 LEAD, PESTICIDES AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH UNIT PARTICIPATES IN COLORADO GREEN STRIDES TOUR: The EPA Region 8's School Integrated Pest Management (sIPM) Coordinator will be participating in the Colorado Green Strides Tour on September 16 and 17. On this tour, the Colorado Department of Education will guide U.S. Department of Education officials, community members, and green partners on a tour of Colorado's Green Ribbon Schools and District Sustainability Awardees. The tour will focus on what awardees have done to improve the overall wellness, productivity, and achievement of students through health, environmental and education improvements. The EPA's sIPM program is a central feature of the Colorado schools that are being recognized during this tour. *Information only, no action required by RA/DRA.*
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MONTANA OPERATIONS OFFICE

***No items to report.**

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