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Subject: FW: CFAC
Attachments: Anaconda.pdf; Mill Res Sediments - Case Study.pdf; Mill Res Sediments - Return to Use.pdf; Silver Bow Creek - Butte Area.PDF

FYI – Here is my response to Tristan Scott.

Thanks everyone for your help! I appreciate it!

Rob

From: Parker, Robert
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2015 5:44 PM
To: 'Tristan Scott'
Subject: RE: CFAC

Hey Tristan, sorry it took a bit longer to get back to you than I thought.

I'm responding to your two questions: Superfund success stories and the polluter pays principle.

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Our Helena office gave me quite a bit of information that I'll pass along to you here. The attached documents are two mailings associated with the Anaconda Smelter site and the Silver Bow Creek/Butte Area site, as well as a case study from the Milltown Reservoir Sediments site.

The key thing is that although all three of these sites remain on the Superfund National Priorities List, a lot of environmental clean-up work has already taken place at each site. Each site has gone through stages of cleanup followed by redevelopment while still on the National Priorities List.

A portion of the Anaconda site has been redeveloped into a Jack Nicklaus golf course 20 years ago (the Old Works Golf Course - http://www.oldworks.org/History_ef2c0c3a1b04.html).

The Silver Bow Creek/Butte area site has led to parks and trails throughout Butte that preserve the historic heritage and provide public amenities in addition to the cleanup that has been accomplished (http://www.co.silverbow.mt.us/433/Silver-Bow-Creek-Greenway-Trails).

A portion of the Milltown Reservoir Sediments site has been transferred to the State of Montana and will be turned into a multi-hundred acre State Park as the cleanup continues alongside. (http://stateparks.mt.gov/milltown/)

These sites are examples where cleanup leads to the dual benefit of reducing risk to human health and the environment while fostering redevelopment and re-use potential before the site is deleted from the National Priorities List.

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Regarding the polluter pays principle, EPA will first look to the Potentially Responsible Parties who are liable for the cleanup to lead the investigation and cleanup effort under a legally binding agreement and under EPA oversight. If the

PRPs are unwilling to do the work under a legally binding agreement, EPA will look to other authorities, including completing the work ourselves and then recovering those costs from the PRPs through litigation.

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Let me know if you have any other questions,

Thanks Tristan,
Rob

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From: Tristan Scott [mailto:tscott@flatheadbeacon.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 4:17 PM
To: Parker, Robert
Subject: Re: CFAC

Thanks, Rob. No worries. I appreciate the effort.
Best,
Tristan

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On Mar 25, 2015, at 4:15 PM, Parker, Robert <Parker.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi Tristan, we're working to compile a few Superfund success stories for you. Folks from our Helena office have sent me a handful but I haven't had time to pick through them and send them to you yet. I apologize. I plan to do that tomorrow morning.
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> Thanks,
> Rob
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From: Tristan Scott [mailto:tscott@flatheadbeacon.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 1:59 PM
To: Parker, Robert
Subject: CFAC

Rob,
Just wanted to circle back and make sure you have my coordinates. If someone in the Helena office can visit about Superfund success stories, as well as chat about how corporations carry the financial burden through CERCLA's "polluter pays" principle I'd appreciate it. Thanks in advance.
Best,
Tristan

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