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Subject: RE: Senator Tester's Office

Yea, either Mike or I should be available to cover Libby.

Stan

From: Faulk, Libby
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2018 11:23 AM
To: Cirian, Mike <Cirian.Mike@epa.gov>; Christensen, Stanley <Christensen.Stanley@epa.gov>; Mutter, Andrew <mutter.andrew@epa.gov>
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Importance: High

Hi Mike and Stan,

Robert Moler was holding monthly calls with MT Congressional staff to provide an update on the Silver Bow and Anaconda sites. These calls are morphing into covering other sites in MT including CFAC and Libby. In talking with Chris I guess Joe has been covering those sites that are not Silver Bow or Anaconda which Nikia participates and covers.

One of the staffers (need to get his name as he's out of D.C.) asked about Libby and what our thoughts were regarding the proposed Agency's new rules on asbestos use, what that means for public health impacts and how we plan to communicate these changes to our public, including the community of Libby who's public health was significantly impacted by asbestos. I chimed in and told them that given that it was a national EPA action taking place that I would identify the appropriate person that could speak to the Agency's action and that in term of the Libby site we didn't see it having any direct impact on our cleanup activities. What I believe he's concerned about is how do we plan to communicate to a community that's suffered due to asbestos exposures that to use his words "asbestos is now safe to use"?

Couple of things.

1. I think we need to include Stan and/or Mike on these calls because there have been a number of questions coming in from the staffers that tell me they would still appreciate regular ongoing updates about Libby like we did before.
2. Who can speak to the national asbestos rule changes in DC?
3. Mike/Stan I assume one or both of you can be available to have a Libby specific call in the next week or so?

I committed that we would hold another call to discuss this. The staffer seemed a bit perturbed that we couldn't speak to our own agencies actions. Andrew – have there been any national talking points developed to deal with incoming questions on the national announcement?

Thanks, Libby

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