REGION 8 WEEKLY REPORT – June 28, 2018

Hot Issues -

Libby Asbestos Superfund Site – Dissatisfied Property Owner Due to concerns with the presence of vermiculate in garden soil, a property owner requested further investigation by EPA. The property had been investigated in 2002 and 2015 and no response actions were warranted. The landowner was convinced that the presence of any vermiculite automatically meant that it presented a potential long-term health threat to anyone digging/tilling in the garden. EPAs Remedial Project Manager and Toxicologist explained during phone calls and on-site visits that risk to human health was determined by the presence of Libby Amphibole fibers and the post construction sampling confirmed non-detect for Libby Asbestos Amphibole. Ultimately, EPA offered to excavate 4 to 6 inches of soil in the garden area to remove any significant quantities of vermiculite in an attempt to satisfy the owner and assure site protectiveness. The landowner still thinks the excavation should go to 18 inch depths and was going to contact US Senator Tester about this issue. The Libby Team continues to work with the landowner on this issue.

Safe Drinking Water Act Emergency Administrative Order issued City of Casper, WY On June 26, 2018, the EPA issued a 1431 Order in response to a potential imminent and substantial endangerment at the City of Casper public water system (serving 56,343 residents) located in Wyoming. The City notified EPA on June 25, 2018, that the system found dead mice in a 10 million gallon finished water storage tank during an inspection of the tank. The tank was isolated from the system for the inspection, and will remain isolated until the tank is drained, disinfected and repaired, and the system is notified by EPA that the tank can be returned to service. The State of Wyoming does not have primacy for the drinking water program.

Upcoming Decisions/Events **– None**