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The Honorable Steve Bullock  
Governor of Montana  
State Capitol  
Helena, MT 59620-0801

Dear Governor Bullock:

Thank you for your letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, dated November 15, 2018, outlining your concerns related to funding operations and maintenance (O&M) at the Libby Asbestos Superfund Site in Lincoln County, Montana, and specifically, the availability of remaining EPA-held remedial action funds for that purpose.

As discussed at a meeting on November 29, 2018, in Libby, Montana, which included County Commissioner Mark Peck and the Director of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality's Superfund Program, Jenny Chambers, I personally committed to holding EPA's remaining remedial action funds to be available for the State of Montana and Lincoln County, if other currently available and planned funding resources are insufficient to meet the costs of O&M.

Any funding from EPA to support O&M will require an application outlining the scope of work and budget. EPA looks forward to continuing to work with all stakeholders to develop the specifics of an O&M plan for the Libby Asbestos Superfund Site.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (303) 312-6532.

Sincerely,

Douglas H. Benevento  
Regional Administrator

cc: Mark Peck, Lincoln County Commissioner  
Jerry Bennett, Lincoln County Commissioner  
Mike Cole, Lincoln County Commissioner  
Jenny Chambers, Montana DEQ