**Missoula White Pine Sash Facility**

**Facility Update**

April 2016

**What’s Been Happening at the Missoula White Pine Sash Facility?**

DEQ issued the Record of Decision (ROD) identifying the final required cleanup in February 2015, and issued an administrative order requiring Huttig Building Products, Inc. (Huttig), to implement the cleanup. During the fall of 2015 and spring of 2016, Huttig and its contractor, Terracon, Inc., have been developing work plans and collecting data necessary to implement final cleanup at the Facility. Huttig has prepared the following plans, which describe how it will conduct the work at the Facility:

♦ Remedial Action Work Plan
♦ Sitewide Safety and Health Plan
♦ Ash Characterization Work Plan
♦ Methane and Dioxin Soils Characterization Work Plan
♦ Quality Assurance Project Plan
♦ Ash Excavation Work Plan

DEQ has reviewed and required changes to each plan to meet DEQ and ROD requirements. In November 2015, Huttig collected samples of soils from an area of the facility impacted by wood ash which contains cadmium in excess of cleanup levels. Huttig collected the samples as part of the requirements to dispose of the ash at Republic Landfill in Missoula. Huttig also conducted semi-annual groundwater monitoring in February 2016.

**Ash Excavation at the Facility**

In March 2016, DEQ approved the 2nd Revised Ash Excavation Work Plan, which describes how Huttig will conduct cleanup of the ash located on the western portion of the Facility. Beginning in spring 2016, Huttig will start cleanup of the ash, which includes excavation followed by off-site disposal. The area of the facility contaminated with ash is shown in Figure 1 below. Contaminated soil will be excavated and loaded into trucks before being disposed of at the Republic Services landfill.

Dump trucks will exit and enter the facility from Bulwer Street, so as to minimize disturbance to the neighborhood. The soil will be covered so that soils cannot blow out of the trucks during transit. Work at the facility will typically be conducted between 7 am and 8 pm, and is expected to last for approximately 60 days. Clean soil will be brought back in to backfill the excavations.

**Figure 1 – Location of Ash Excavation and work areas**

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Work Planned for Summer and Fall 2016

This summer, Huttig plans to take samples of methane generating wood waste on the Scott Street Partners property to determine if it can be recycled as composting materials. Huttig plans to sample one property east of Scott Street and the residential portion of the Scott Street Partners property. This work is expected to be conducted summer 2016. Once Huttig has finished the work, it will develop a work plan to complete the methane and dioxin soils cleanup in fall of 2016. Huttig will also conduct semi-annual groundwater monitoring in the fall. Finally, Huttig intends to submit a work plan to further characterize and refine volume estimates for contamination in the former wood treating area at the Facility, as part of the preparations for excavation and cleanup activities to be conducted there. It is anticipated that this cleanup will begin in 2017.

Where Can I Find More Information About the MWPS Facility?

Additional information about the MWPS Facility can be found online at DEQ’s website at http://deq.mt.gov/StateSuperfund/missoulawhitepinesh mcpx.

Information can also be found at DEQ’s Waste Management and Remediation Division Helena Office at 1225 Cedar St. in Helena, Montana. Some of the documents are also available for review at the Mansfield Library at the University of Montana in Missoula.

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