



Libby Asbestos Superfund Site

What's Next for Operable Units 4 & 7

The Libby Asbestos Superfund Site, which is on the Superfund National Priorities List, is divided into eight operable units (OUs) for management. Remedial action work has been completed for all OUs, with the exception of the Mine Site (OU3), Libby (OU4) and Troy (OU7).

Remedial action for Operable Units 4 & 7 is anticipated to be completed in mid-September 2018. Here is a summary of next steps, once remedial action (construction) is completed:

- EPA and DEQ will conduct a final site walk-through to ensure that all are in agreement that the remedy has been implemented as designed.
- A Remedial Action Completion Report will be completed.
- Operational and Functional period begins on the date of signature of the remedial action completion report. This is typically a one-year period during which Institutional Controls are finalized and implemented and long-term Operation & Maintenance (O&M) plans are developed.
Note: A remedy becomes "Operational and Functional" either one year after construction is complete, or when the remedy is determined concurrently by EPA and the State to be functioning properly and performing as designed, whichever is earlier. (40 C.F.R. § 300.435(f)(2))
- Operation & Maintenance Plan development.
- Institutional Controls put in place as appropriate. Establishment of clear Institutional Controls is necessary for existing property owners, future property owners, and economic redevelopment activity within the boundaries of the Libby Asbestos Superfund Site. Institutional controls could include:
 - Development of a building permit program to track changes to homes and businesses that still retain Libby Amphibole Asbestos (LAA) in inaccessible spaces.
 - Education programs for the public and commercial businesses on how to deal with LAA when encountered.

- Maintenance of the Lincoln County asbestos landfill cell at no or little charge to users.
 - Filing of notices of environmental conditions to inform real estate transactions.
 - Other administrative approaches that protect the remedy, and protect human health and the environment.
- An Explanation of Significant Difference to the Record of Decision will be necessary to incorporate the Institutional Controls as a part of the final remedy.
 - Transfer of appropriate records to DEQ for the purposes of long term O&M.
 - At the end of the Operational & Functional period, the remedy is considered to be in O&M. At this point, the responsibility for O&M is transferred from EPA to DEQ. EPA is required by law to review the long-term O&M program every five years.

