



August 12, 2019

Greg Sopkin, Region 8 Administrator
United State Environmental Protection Agency
1595 Wynkoop St.
Denver, CO 80202-1129

Subject: Remaining Libby Remedial Action Funds

Dear Regional Administrator Greg Sopkin,

We want to thank EPA Region 8 for the letter to Governor Bullock dated December 19, 2018, from Doug Benevento regarding funding for operational and maintenance (O&M) at the Libby Asbestos Superfund Site in Lincoln County, Montana.

The Libby Asbestos Superfund Oversight Committee appreciates the commitment made by EPA to hold EPA's 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 O&M.

The December 2018 letter stated that any funding from EPA to support O&M would require an application outlining the scope of work and a budget. The Libby Asbestos Superfund Oversight Committee are requesting EPA provide additional clarification as to how the funds can be secured and options to secure such as cooperative agreements grant requests.

We believe an important next step will be for EPA, DEQ and Lincoln County to collectively engage in developing a common strategy, outlining how funds for O&M will be made available for long-term protectiveness of the Libby Asbestos Superfund site. We stand ready to assist in that effort.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Peck".

Mark Peck, Chairman
on behalf of Libby Asbestos Superfund Oversight Committee

Other members are:
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