



August 8, 2022

Libby Asbestos Superfund Oversight Committee
c/o Representative Steve Gunderson, LASOC Chair

RE: DEQ Letter of Approval for LASOC Recommendation for Hufford Funding Consideration

DEQ received your recommendation on full reimbursement for the Hufford property in the amount of \$39,700. Based on the information provided, additional justification from ARP, and LASOC's recommendation, DEQ approves the Hufford property full reimbursement. DEQ Project Officer Jason Rappe will process the reimbursement and communicate this status with the Hufford property owner.

As a reminder for future recommendations, DEQ has provided positions for the potential use of state-held funds in Libby Asbestos Site Operations and Maintenance Funding Memo. These positions do not preclude individual situations, like the Hufford property, from being presented, evaluated, and recommended by LASOC on a case-by-case basis, and a determination will be made by DEQ – with consideration of fairness and sensitivity to each individual situation – as to whether state-held O&M funds should be made available. Also, LASOC's bylaws outline the following requirements for recommendations: must consider long-term protectiveness of the remedy including operation and maintenance, long-term funding, transparency with past and potential future recommendations, and priorities for the Libby Asbestos Superfund Site.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matt R Dorrington", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Matthew R. Dorrington
Federal Superfund and Construction Bureau Chief

cc: Christopher Dorrington, Director of DEQ
Jerry Bennett, Lincoln County Commissioner
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