



## MEMO

**TO:** DEQ

**THROUGH:** Representative Steve Gunderson, LASOC Chair

**FROM:** Libby Asbestos Superfund Oversight Committee Members to include Representative Steve Gunderson, Director of DEQ Christopher Dorrington, Lincoln County Commissioner Jerry Bennett, Senator Mike Cuffe, and Citizen of Lincoln County George Jamison

**DATE:** July 20, 2022

**RE:** Recommendation for Hufford Request for Funding Consideration

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Decision to be made   Information only

**Date/Time:** As soon as possible.

**Location:** Recommendation through email.

**Decision to be made:** LASOC recommends full reimbursement of the Hufford Request and seeks DEQ's concurrence.

**Background:** It is the belief of LASOC that funding the remediation and cleanup of Libby Amphibole Asbestos (LA) is paramount to maintaining the remedy of the site as a whole. We recognize that, through EPA remedial action, there were instances of refusals for a variety of reasons but that those owners should not be punished for those fears. In order to maintain an effective remedy, funds may be utilized on properties that had previously refused remedial action in order to continue to reduce exposure to LA.

With the justification above, it is hereby recommended by LASOC to the DEQ, that funds from the Libby Asbestos Cleanup Trust be authorized for the abatement of 42162 US Hwy 2. We recommend reimbursing the full amount of \$39,700 per the June 10, 2022 HFES invoice which included the cost of abatement as well as disposal.