

Libby Asbestos Superfund Oversight Committee (LASOC)

O&M Support of Property Owners Report

Report date from September 1, 2023 through December 1, 2024

Background

The purpose of this document is to supplement the standardized “Site Funding and Budgets Report” (Budget Report) adopted by the Libby Asbestos Superfund Oversight Committee (LASOC) as a regular reporting tool to assist in the discharge of their duties. While the Budget Report presents consistent information about funding sources, and expenditures and budgets for the overall Libby Asbestos Superfund Site, it does not specifically report on the level of Operation and Maintenance (O&M) support that is directed to individual property owners. Further, the Budget Report was not intended to list other metrics such as the level of activities and incidents that are not direct financial parameters, but yet provide insight into the performance of the O&M program at the property owner level.

Report Elements

Nature and Frequency of Notifications and Incidents

The Asbestos Resource Program (ARP) is the recipient of Property Evaluation Notifications (PENs) that triggers sharing of information and outreach to property owners, and may lead to incidents¹ where costs are incurred for services such as sampling and analyses, clean up, and material disposal. Such costs may be reimbursed to the owner or paid directly by DEQ, but regardless are an expense to the O&M program.

These elements are summarized in the following table:

Table 1 - Nature and Frequency of Notifications and Incidents

Type of Requests	Fiscal Year ² (FY) to Date	O&M Total	Comments
PEN's Recieved by ARP	57	1,168	
Information or Support Request Only	53	1,099	
Reimbursable Actions	4	69	Reimbursements made to property owners.
Non-Reimbursable Actions	0	9	Actions paid directly by DEQ/ARP, e.g., sampling and analysis, landfill costs, NOPEC/NOEC properties.
General Comments:			

Funding Sources

Financial support to the property owner comes either through reimbursement of their expenses or by payment for services provided on their behalf (for example, laboratory testing and landfill costs). The funding source comes via DEQ (such as clean up reimbursements and paying for laboratory sampling), or through the ARP for landfill cost (a budgeted cost in the ARP MOA with DEQ). The following table identifies the funding sources for the categories of incidents shown above.

Table 2 - Number of O&M Actions vs. Funding Source

Cost Categories of O&M Actions	Libby Asbestos Settlement (Fund 08230)		Libby Asbestos Cleanup Trust Fund from Orphan Share (Fund 09033)		Libby Asbestos Cleanup and Operations Account (Fund 02130)		Libby Asbestos O&M Activities (Grant V-96841701)		Totals	
	FY to Date	O&M Total	FY to Date	O&M Total	FY to Date	O&M Total	FY to Date	O&M Total	FY to Date	O&M Total
Incident Cost Category										
Sampling and Analysis ³	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	14	2	19
Abatement	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	31	2	35
Landfill Disposal ⁴	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	24	0	24
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	9	4	69	4	78
General Comments:										

Table 3 - Cost Categories of O&M Actions

Cost Categories of O&M Actions	Libby Asbestos Settlement (Fund 08230)		Libby Asbestos Cleanup Trust Fund from Orphan Share (Fund 09033)		Libby Asbestos Cleanup and Operations Account (Fund 02130)		Libby Asbestos O&M Activities (Grant V-96841701)		Totals	
	FY to Date	O&M Total	FY to Date	O&M Total	FY to Date	O&M Total	FY to Date	O&M Total	FY to Date	O&M Total
Incident Cost Category										
Sampling and Analysis ³	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,204.59	\$ 935.00	\$ 15,472.60	\$ 935.00	\$ 23,677.19
Abatement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120,240.74	\$ 568,122.00	\$ 1,346,392.47	\$ 568,122.00	\$ 1,466,633.21
Landfill Disposal ⁴	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ -	\$ 97,912.12	\$ -	\$ 97,912.12
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Totals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 128,445.33	\$ 569,057.00	\$ 1,459,777.19	\$ 569,057.00	\$ 1,588,222.52
General Comments:										

¹ Reimbursable to owner or paid directly by DEQ/ARP

² Fiscal Year is July 1 - June 30.

³ DEQ has a contract with EMSL for sample analysis through the EPA Grant. This contract produces monthly invoices and are not separated by property, thus, totals captured in this report are by invoice received and sampling actions done by a third party.

⁴ DEQ receives landfill tickets through the invoices produced by ARP. As these tickets are not property specific this report captures only when the landfill costs were included and the total landfill costs in that invoice. In addition, all landfill costs will be paid through the EPA grant.