Budget Questions
LASOC

1. Is it correct that the cumulative total transfer of Orphan Share funds to the Libby Asbestos accounts will total $6 million (10 x $600k), excluding interest and income?

2. Regarding the $12 million EPA O&M funds: Do you know or can you determine how much of this has already been used or authorized for use (in cooperative agreements or other means) by EPA, and by DEQ? How much is left? Do we need to file a FOIA request to get this information and periodic updates from EPA?

3. EPA Grant V-96841701. Are the monies from this Grant coming from the $12 million EPA O&M funds? Are there other expired or ongoing grants to DEQ related to O&M activities?

4. Re the table provided listing EPA CA’s: In addition to the three grants (97841901, 96841701, and 96882401), are there other funds that have been or are now directed to DEQ for the Site? If so, please describe?

5. Are there other State funds besides those described in the budget reports to LASOC and EQC that currently support any of DEQ’s Site activities, O&M or otherwise?

6. The Non-O&M Funding paragraph in the last LASOC budget report seems a little confusing when compared to the table of EPA CA’s. Will suggest language and add funding information.

7. DEQ uses their O&M manual as a basis for decision-making on O&M matters that come before them, especially in their interaction with ARP. A copy of the manual (May 2020) was provided in response to the Lincoln County FOIA request to DEQ. We are interested in having access to the manual as it is updated so that we can reference DEQ current practices. It is suggested that the updates to the manual be posted on the LASOC website to serve as a reference for LASOC, ARP and the public to understand the O&M requirements and bases for decision making.

8. Recent documents provided by DEQ in response to questions posed at the March 2021 LASOC meeting included the Weston/DEQ agreement for Task Order 03. However, it did not include the cost summary referenced in the Compensation section. Please provide.