

Montana Pole & Treating Plant



Site Update

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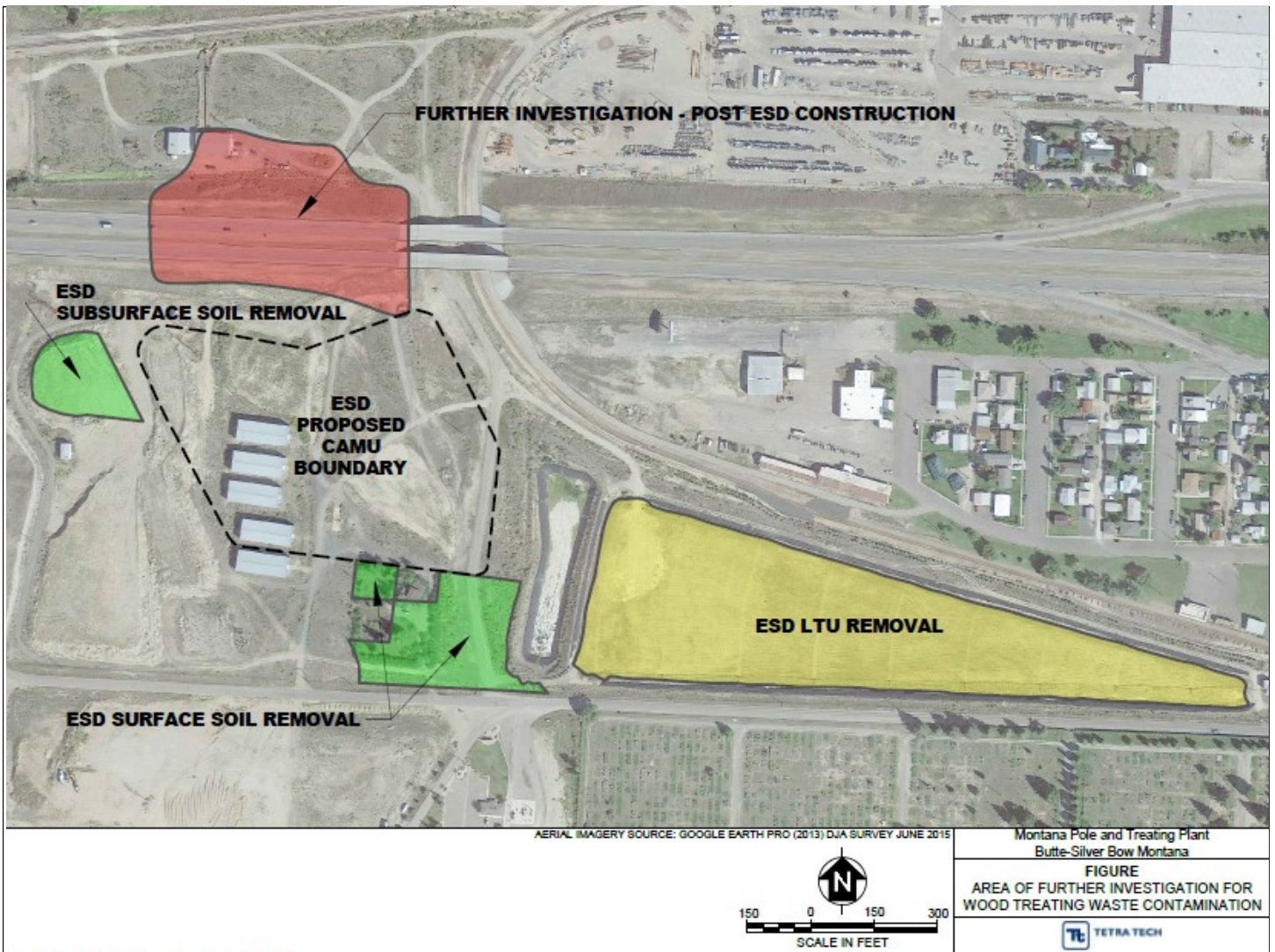
PANDEMIC POSTPONES 2020 CONSTRUCTION SEASON

Planned construction at the Montana Pole & Treating Plant site has been postponed due to the pandemic. In the interim, work has shifted to planning the next phase of cleanup. One of the first steps will be to identify and test possible groundwater remediation options to treat the contamination under the interstate and water treatment plant. The future work will also include examining possible upgrades to the water treatment plant.

The team is currently working on a bid package for next year's construction.

FINAL ESD REPORT COMING SOON

The Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) report proposes changes to the original Montana Pole & Treating Plant cleanup selected in the 1993 Record of Decision. The proposed changes are improvements based on current conditions. The draft ESD went out for public comment in February of this year. Public comment was not required, but because of the public interest in the site, DEQ and EPA felt it was critical to go through the public comment process. The team is currently working to finalize the responsiveness summary to public comments and issue a final ESD report. DEQ and EPA appreciate the public's interest and comments. The ESD is scheduled to go to the EPA for signature by this Fall.



Learn More at:

<https://deq.mt.gov/Land/fedsuperfund/mtpole>

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