

**PRIORITY RANKING SHEET**

Facility: \_\_\_\_\_ Facility ID No: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Leak No: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Legal Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Ranked by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Facility Rank and Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions: DEQ ranks all CECRA, groundwater, and LUST facilities with this form. Start with the maximum priority category and check **all** criteria in **every** category that apply. Then add the scores for **all** the criteria that apply. The facility is ranked by the highest category that has criteria checked followed by its total score which ranks the facility within the category. For example, a medium priority site with a higher score is a higher priority than one with a lower score.

Finally, answer the question at the bottom of the ranking form regarding the potential for interim actions; add the response (Yes or No) to the facility ranking designation (i.e., "High, 45, Y" or "Medium, 30, N"). This designation flags facilities at which a simple interim action, like fencing or drum removal, could reduce facility hazards and possibly move the facility into a lower priority designation.

**MAXIMUM PRIORITY:** Immediate threat requiring immediate action

- \_\_\_\_ 20 **Public drinking water supply impact:** documented release to \_\_\_\_ (a) a surface water intake, \_\_\_\_ (b) a groundwater well, or \_\_\_\_ (c) a drinking water line with documented or probable exceedance of Montana water quality human health standards (DEQ-7) or the federal maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) in a public drinking water supply or contaminant levels that render the drinking water supply harmful, detrimental, or injurious to a beneficial use
- \_\_\_\_ 18 **Domestic/commercial drinking water supply impact:** documented release to \_\_\_\_ (a) a surface water intake, \_\_\_\_ (b) a groundwater well, or \_\_\_\_ (c) a drinking water line with documented or probable exceedance of DEQ-7 or the MCLs in a domestic or commercial drinking water supply or contaminant levels that render the drinking water supply harmful, detrimental, or injurious to a beneficial use
- \_\_\_\_ 20 **Vapor accumulation in structures or utility corridor:** explosive vapor levels, or concentrations of vapors that could cause acute health effects, are present in a structure or utility corridor
- \_\_\_\_ 20 **Imminent danger of fire or explosion or dangerous outdoor vapor levels:** indications of an imminent danger of fire or explosion or a release of dangerous levels of vapors in ambient air
- \_\_\_\_ 18 **Free product release:** free product is present in significant quantities in the groundwater, in or on surface water bodies, in utilities other than water supply lines, or in surface water runoff

**HIGH PRIORITY CATEGORY:** Significant near-term threats requiring prompt action

- \_\_\_\_ 15 **Drinking water source impact:** documented release to groundwater or surface water that is a drinking water source with no documented or probable exceedance of DEQ-7 or the MCLs or contaminant levels that render the drinking water supply harmful, detrimental, or injurious to a beneficial use in a \_\_\_\_ (a) surface water intake or \_\_\_\_ (b) groundwater well that is a drinking water supply
- \_\_\_\_ 15 **Ambient air impact:** documented release to ambient air or on the ground surface of a hazardous or deleterious substance that poses a threat to public health (e.g. friable asbestos-containing materials)
- \_\_\_\_ 15 **Utility corridor impact:** contamination has migrated to a utility corridor that is currently in use

- \_\_\_ 15 **Threat of vapor accumulation in a structure or utility corridor:** threat of explosive vapor levels or concentrations of vapors that could cause health effects by accumulating in a structure or utility corridor
- \_\_\_ 15 **Contaminated soil in proximity of receptors:** documented and extensive contamination of exposed shallow soil or exposed sediment with uncontrolled facility access
- \_\_\_ 15 **Container etc. that is or may leak in proximity of receptors:** documented existence of an uncontrolled hazardous or deleterious substance, in a container or impoundment that is leaking or that presents an imminent threat of leakage in an area with uncontrolled facility access
- \_\_\_ 15 **Sensitive environments impact:** documented impact to a sensitive environment such as a terrestrial or aquatic resource, including wetlands, or area with unique or highly valued environmental or cultural features, or a fragile natural setting

**MEDIUM PRIORITY:** Potential long-term threat requiring action

- \_\_\_ 10 **Documented or probable water impact:** documented or probable release to \_\_\_(a) surface water, \_\_\_(b) groundwater, or \_\_\_(c) a water line that is not a drinking water source but is used for another beneficial use (i.e., agricultural, industrial, etc. or primary contact activities like swimming or fishing, etc.)
- \_\_\_ 10 **Imminent threat to drinking water source:** imminent threat to a drinking water source from migration of contamination from \_\_\_(a) soil to surface water, \_\_\_(b) soil to groundwater, or \_\_\_(c) soil to a water line that is a drinking water source
- \_\_\_ 10 **Potential ambient air impact:** potential release to air that may pose a threat to public health
- \_\_\_ 10 **Potential utility corridor impact:** potential for migration of contamination to a utility corridor that is currently in use or documented contamination to a utility corridor that is not in use
- \_\_\_ 10 **Contaminated soil or container that is or may leak:** documented or probable localized contamination of soil or presence of a container or impoundment that is leaking or that presents an imminent threat of leakage, or documented or probable extensive contamination of soil with controlled facility access
- \_\_\_ 10 **Potential sensitive environment impact:** potential impact to sensitive environments such as a terrestrial or aquatic resource, including wetlands, or area with unique or highly valued environmental or cultural features, or a fragile natural setting

**LOW PRIORITY:** Minimal potential for long-term threat

- \_\_\_ 5 **Minimal potential water impact:** minimal potential for release to \_\_\_(a) surface water, \_\_\_(b) groundwater, or \_\_\_(c) a water line that is not used for any purpose other than primary contact activities (i.e., swimming, wading, etc.)
- \_\_\_ 5 **Minimal air impact:** minimal potential for release to air that may pose a threat to public health
- \_\_\_ 5 **Minimal utility corridor impact:** minimal potential for release to a utility corridor
- \_\_\_ 5 **Minimal soil impact:** minimal documented release or potential for release to soil with minimal potential for direct contact hazard
- \_\_\_ 5 **Other:** (briefly describe)

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

- \_\_\_ 1 **Operation and maintenance:** Remedial action are complete but the facility is undergoing operation and maintenance, such as revegetation monitoring, surface water monitoring, groundwater monitoring, waste repository maintenance, or maintenance of other features (i.e., fences, etc.)
- \_\_\_ (Y/N) Could a relatively quick, simple interim action (i.e., fencing facility, removing drums, etc.) significantly reduce facility hazards? If yes, briefly describe action: