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Lincoln County Board of Health

In response to your January 10, 2020 request to have an informational meeting, DEQ has discussed this with the O&M Working Group, which includes representatives of both the Lincoln County Board of Health and the Asbestos Resource Program (ARP). DEQ, along with EPA, is willing to host an informational meeting to discuss the transition from remedial action to Operations and Maintenance at OU4 and OU7 and how the finalization of the ICIAP, O&M Plan, and O&M Manual will be incorporated into a long-term program. The exact date for this meeting has not yet been set. The ARP should also participate as a host for this informational meeting, because we have all worked collaboratively developing these documents and ARP has a key role outlined in the O&M Plan.

EPA, with DEQ support, has offered a public comment period for both the ICIAP and the O&M Plan. The two separate and sequential public comment periods were deliberate to provide the public adequate time with each document and do not preclude additional comments being submitted. The O&M Manual is a procedural document for those implementing the O&M work (i.e. DEQ, ARP, contractors, etc.) and will continue to be updated as a “living”, instructional document. The final O&M Manual will be available to the public. At this juncture, we believe that the public comments periods offered provide an opportunity for input that will allow EPA and DEQ to finalize these documents and transition into O&M.

We appreciate your continued community involvement in the Superfund process; there will be future opportunities to remain involved and engaged.