

City-County Board of Health for Lincoln County

418 Mineral Ave
Libby, MT 59923



August 13, 2020

US Environmental Protection Agency- Region 8
1595 Wynkoop Street
Denver, CO 80202-1129
Attention: Andrew Schmidt, P.G.
Remedial Project Manager
Superfund Remediation Program

Re: Update on Petitioner Role

Dear Andrew:

This letter is an update on the proposed role for the City-County Board of Health for Lincoln County (BOH) to be the petitioner for the proposed Controlled Groundwater Area (CGA).

By letter dated August 15, 2019 we notified you of our decision to defer action as the Petitioner for the CGA in response to the City of Libby request for time to negotiate with International Paper regarding issues between the two parties. Recently you have indicated the desire to move forward with establishing the CGA with another Petitioner, likely Montana DEQ. We appreciate being advised of your intent and having the opportunity to examine our position.

We are comfortable with your decision to move forward with the CGA with DEQ as the Petitioner, and we are rescinding our August 15, 2019 letter to clear the record. We remain supportive of the CGA as a matter of protection of public health. We also appreciate the opportunity to have been part of detailed technical and other reviews as the CGA plan was being developed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George F. Jamison".

George F. Jamison
Vice Chair

cc via email: BOH, Lincoln County Commissioners, Port Authority Board, City of Libby