

City/County Board of Health
May 19, 2015, 3:30 PM

Present are: Commissioners Greg Larson, Mark Peck and Mike Cole via Vision Net in Eureka, Nick Raines, Kathi Hooper, Doug Roll, Mark Peck, Allen Payne, Peggy Williams, Jennifer McCully, Rebecca Thomas, and Deborah McKean. Also present via Vision Net in Eureka is Micki Carvey.

Jennifer McCully requested a date and time for the State to conduct its training to the City/County Board of Health as required of the System Improvement Grant. Tentative date was set for August 25.

Kathi gave a brief update on the Environmental Heroes Program. She has received some nominations for the Libby and Eureka area. The Environmental Health Department is looking for nominations of individuals or groups who have contributed to "earth friendly" activities within Lincoln County.

Nick said it is a busy time right now with general construction and preparing for wildfire season combined with outreach efforts ARP is coordinating to help EPA gain community input and comments pertaining to the EPA Proposed Plan. Nick said this is a critical time for the community, and he is going out to service and recreational groups as well as governmental bodies, volunteer groups, and contractors in an effort to engage the public in the comment period. EPA is hosting public meetings in Libby and Troy.

Nick gave a brief summary of EPA's Proposed Plan for remedial action to the board. The Proposed Plan outlines the remedy at the Libby Asbestos Superfund Site. Nick explained Institutional Controls and that EPA has outlined 12 proposed IC's within the Proposed Plan. The IC's within the Proposed Plan are general ideas. Once agreed upon, then the IC's go into the design phase which will determine how the IC's will be specifically implemented.

Commissioner Peck asked if there will be another comment period during the implementation or design phase, stating the comment period on the Proposed Plan and the implementation of IC's could have significant differences. Rebecca said the design phase can involve the public to the extent of interest depending on the IC. Also, a design can change with time. Commissioner Peck asked if and how those changes could be done locally. Rebecca said changes will be coordinated with EPA for a time period and then will be coordinated with DEQ in the future. Nick commented that public input from TAG/CAG meetings and other public feedback was considered in the EPA's proposed IC's.

Nick said he would like to plan for formal comment from the City/County Board of Health before the final remedy. Nick suggested scheduling one on one interviews with each board of health member. Comments from each member can be summarized and he would look for trends. Comments will be sent to all board members, and a meeting would be scheduled after compiling comments. Members can also submit their own written comments. The health board scheduled their next meeting for June 24 at 3:30 pm. This will allow time for ARP staff to conduct individual meetings prior.

Rebecca Thomas submitted a handout titled “Why Bother With an EPA Cleanup at Your Property” for the Commission to review. This is a tool for organizations and agencies to use to educate and inform the public, listing 7 reasons properties should be investigated and evaluated for cleanup.

Micki Carvey raised concerns about the rail yard in Eureka. Rebecca said Eureka is outside the superfund site, but she will do some follow-up.

Respectfully submitted by,
Robin Benson