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Ravalli County Commissioners

Ravalli County Commission  
215 S. 4th Street  
Suite A  
Hamilton, MT 59840

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RE: Issuance of an Amendment to the Record of Decision for the Bitterroot Valley Sanitary Landfill State Superfund Facility

Dear Ravalli County Commission:

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has issued an Amendment to the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Bitterroot Valley Sanitary Landfill State Superfund Facility (Facility). DEQ held a public comment period on the Proposed Plan for the ROD Amendment from November 5, 2018, through December 5, 2018, and a public meeting at Victor Public Schools on November 14, 2018. DEQ has responded to comments received during the public comment period and the comments and responses are included in Appendix A, Responsiveness Summary of ROD Amendment. The ROD Amendment changes the original 2002 ROD for the Bitterroot Valley Sanitary Landfill Facility in the following ways:

- The portion of the final remedy requiring a community water supply system is no longer necessary, so DEQ is removing this requirement.
- The size of the groundwater plume where contamination exceeds site specific cleanup levels (SSCLs) has greatly reduced. Therefore, DEQ will work with the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) to reduce the size of the Controlled Groundwater Area (CGWA) installed at the Facility as part of the remedy. Once the CGWA is modified, residents may return to domestic water use from wells in the shallow aquifers.
- DEQ is revising the SSCLs for groundwater to incorporate revised water quality standards.
- DEQ is establishing SSCLs for chloroform for vapor intrusion (VI).
- DEQ is maintaining the existing institutional controls in the form of restrictive covenants that prohibit development on the former landfill property to mitigate any potential risk posed by VI.

Copies of the ROD Amendment and other site-related documents are available at Farmers State Bank, 103 Main Street, Victor, Montana; the Bitterroot Public Library, 306 State Street, Hamilton, Montana; and the DEQ State Superfund Unit of the Waste Management and Remediation Division office located at 1225 Cedar Street in Helena.

Later in 2022, DEQ plans to contact residents who still use deep replacement wells installed before the original ROD was issued to discuss options to continue to meet their domestic water needs going forward. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the ROD Amendment at [mkent@mt.gov](mailto:mkent@mt.gov) or 406-444-6479.

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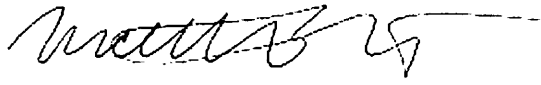
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Sincerely,

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Matthew Kent  
Environmental Science Specialist

cc: Patrick Hope, DEQ Legal

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