



EPA's Proposed Cleanup: Understanding the Plan

You may have questions or concerns about EPA's Proposed Cleanup Plan for the Upper Coeur d'Alene Basin. EPA wants you to have the facts. In coming weeks, EPA will publish topics to address many of your questions. Check the webpage for other topics.

Topic Number 2:

Get Involved in the Cleanup Process!

You are invited to get involved. EPA wants to hear your questions and concerns so we can address them in the plan to clean up the Upper Basin. We heard loud and clear at the August 4th public meeting that citizens needed more time to review the plan. We agree – so we've extended the comment period for three more months - through November 23, 2010.

What's happened so far:

- EPA has worked with citizens, elected officials, and local groups during the development of the Record of Decision (ROD) Amendment and the Proposed Plan.
- Since late 2008 EPA has attended 60 meetings to talk about the Proposed Plan and engage local residents, elected officials, community groups, and other stakeholders in the decision process.
- EPA has been working with the Basin Environmental Improvement Project Commission (the Basin Commission). Developed by the State of Idaho legislature, the Basin Commission's job is to ensure that cleanup actions consider community and State interests. The Basin Commission has a Technical Leadership Group and the Citizens' Coordinating Council -- both have helped develop and oversee EPA's cleanup plans.
- EPA issued the Proposed Cleanup Plan on July 12, 2010 and held an open house and public meeting on August 4, 2010.

What's next:

- EPA's mission is to protect human health and the environment, and we also want the cleanup to reflect local priorities and needs.
- Your suggestions will help EPA shape the Proposed Plan and set priorities to meet legal requirements and local concerns. EPA will consider and respond to all comments received during the formal comment period and public meeting.
- After the comment period ends, you can continue to ask questions and express concerns to EPA on the ROD Amendment process, schedule, and cleanup work. Contact the project managers listed below.
- For the long term, EPA will continue to work with the Basin Commission, the Technical Leadership Group, the Project Focus Teams, and the Citizens' Coordinating Council, as well as local residents, businesses and other stakeholders.
- EPA wants to make sure we listen to you and your neighbors, and that cleanup activities have minimal impact to your community. Stay tuned for even more involvement opportunities.

What you can do:

- Send EPA your comments on the Proposed Plan. Submit them by email to cdabasin@epa.gov or regular mail to Coeur d'Alene Basin Team, EPA, 1200 6th Avenue, Suite 900, ECL-113, Seattle, WA 98101.
- Get on EPA's mailing list. Call 1-800-424-4372, x1896.
- Attend Basin Commission meetings: Technical Leadership Group and Citizens' Coordinating Council.
- EPA will give more updates in the Basin Bulletin, in fact sheet mailers, and online (website listed below).
- Attend an Open House on October 5 or 6, 2010, and/or sign up for a public tour of proposed cleanup locations in the Upper Basin. See EPA's website (listed below) for more information.

Public comments on the Proposed Plan are due November 23, 2010.

Send comments to cdabasin@epa.gov or to Coeur d'Alene Basin Team, EPA, 1200 6th Ave., Ste. 900, ECL-113, Seattle, WA 98101.

We want to hear from you. Your comments are important to help design the Proposed Plan and guide the cleanup.

See other Topics at

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/CLEANUP.NSF/sites/bh+rod+amendment> or <http://go.usa.gov/igD>

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