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Coeur d'Alene Basin Cleanup Project Public Review of EPA's Implementation Plan

Share Your Input on Basin Cleanup Plans for Next 10 Years
Public Suggestions Due December 6, 2012

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency invites you to review its draft Implementation Plan. It spells out plans for doing Superfund cleanup work in the Coeur d'Alene Basin — maybe in your community — over the next ten years.

The plan is a companion document to EPA's recent ROD Amendment (interim Record of Decision Amendment). It describes what cleanup work will happen and when. It covers the Upper Basin, Box, and Lower Basin.

This Site Update tells how you can make suggestions. It outlines what is in the plan and summarizes what work to expect over the next decade.

Sharing Your Input

EPA will review and consider all the public input it receives on the Implementation Plan. Typically, comments that have the most value and are most likely to influence the plan will:

- Offer specific information about a site and its history;
- Express concerns about impacts to one's property or community;
- Suggest ways to make a project be consistent with current and future anticipated uses.

After the review time, EPA will issue the revised plan. EPA will also tell what changes it made in response to public input.

There will not be a full response to each individual comment.

Send comments by December 6 to:

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CDA Basin Team, EPA Region 10
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Seattle, WA 98101

Where to Find the Draft Implementation Plan

- ***Online:*** **http://go.usa.gov/igD**
- ***Get a Copy:*** Call Rene Gilbert, EPA Community Liaison, 208-659-5237

About the Plan: It's a Road Map

The Implementation Plan is a technical document outlining agency plans for cleanup in the Bunker Hill Superfund Site. It is about 100 pages long. It:

- Identifies EPA's priority cleanup actions for the next 10 years. It outlines a strategy for doing these actions.
- Provides the basis for EPA's input into the Basin Commission's one-year and five-year work plans. Those plans summarize cleanup activities to take place in the Basin.
- Tells how EPA will cooperate with stakeholders and partners.
- Describes funding sources and management.
- Explains how EPA will use adaptive management to evaluate and modify cleanup approaches.

Finding Topics in the Implementation Plan:

- *Section 1.0 – Introduction*
- *Section 2.0 – Identification of Priority Actions*
- *Section 3.0 – Implementation of Remedies*
- *Section 4.0 – Implementation Process*
- *Section 5.0 – Funding Considerations*
- *Section 6.0 – Community Involvement*
- *Section 7.0 – Future Implementation Planning*
- *Section 8.0 – References*
- *Figures and tables*

TIP: *Figure 3-7 gives a snapshot list of upcoming work. It includes a timeline that shows when each activity will be designed and constructed.*

Ongoing Community Involvement Welcome

Because of the nature of the Implementation Plan, community participation is key. The document likely will have an update added every year, and a full revision every five years. EPA seeks meaningful public participation.

Each year, typically in late summer to early fall, EPA will offer a 30-day informal review. EPA will solicit and consider suggestions from community members and from partner organizations.

After the review time, EPA will issue the addendum or revised Implementation Plan, and tell how suggestions influenced the plan. There will not be a full response to individual comments.

EPA will provide regular updates about implementation through many channels. These include articles in the agency's Basin Bulletin newsletter, website updates, Facebook posts, local presentations, mailings and e-mailings, and media notices. Site documents will be placed online and in libraries.

Cleanup Work: Plans for the Next 10 Years

EPA's priority for the Bunker Hill Superfund Site is protecting human health. Upcoming work will affect many communities. These include Mullan, Wallace, Osburn, Wardner, Kellogg, Smelterville, and Pinehurst, Silverton, Kingston, Cataldo, and so on. Much of this work will happen in partnership with the Panhandle Health District's ICP (Institutional Controls Program). Projects over the next 10 years include:

- Finish property cleanups in the Basin with emphasis on high risk homes with children and pregnant women.
- Take steps to address roads that may have been damaged by cleanup activities, so that those roads can continue to serve as barriers to underlying contamination.
- Complete actions to protect cleanup work that has already been done.

Other major accomplishments expected during the next 10 years include:

- Upgrade the treatment plant that cleans the groundwater from the Box and Bunker Hill mine.
- Construct a drain to intercept groundwater near the Central Impoundment Area in the Box.
- Do high-priority cleanup work along the East Fork of Ninemile Creek.
- Begin work in Canyon Creek to collect water for treatment at the CTP (Central Treatment Plant) and to control sources of contamination.
- Do projects in the Lower Basin to increase understanding of the area and methods to address risks that will lead to future cleanup work.
- Design and construct the Lower Burke Canyon Repository and the Osburn Repository.

What the Plan *DOES NOT* Do

This plan ***does not*** get down to the level of providing specific design information. That type of information will come later as EPA develops designs for individual cleanup projects.

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Documents

Select documents about the cleanup are available at:

Molstead Library
(Contains the Administrative Record)
1000 Garden Avenue
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814
(208) 769-3355

Wallace Public Library
415 River Street
Wallace, ID 83873
(208) 752-4571

Kellogg Public Library
16 West Market Avenue
Kellogg, ID 83837
(208) 786-7231

St. Maries Library
822 W. College Avenue
St. Maries, ID 83861
(208) 245-3732

Spokane Public Library
906 West Main Avenue
Spokane, WA 99201
(509) 444-5336

EPA Field Office
1910 Northwest Blvd., Ste. 208
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(208) 664-4588

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Alternative formats are available. For reasonable accommodation, please call Andrea Lindsay at 800-424-4372 Ext. 1896
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