



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 8, MONTANA OFFICE
FEDERAL BUILDING, 10 W. 15th STREET, SUITE 3200
HELENA, MONTANA 59626



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April 8, 2011

Doug Hucke, P.E.
President, General Manager
Timberweld Manufacturing Company
1643 24th St.
West Billings, MT 59102

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Re: Mouat Industries Superfund Site

Dear Mr. Hucke:

We are writing in response to your March 30, 2011 request concerning the status of the remediation of the soils portion of the Mouat Industries Superfund Site (Site), located on Timberweld Manufacturing's property. This property is more particularly described as Industrial Sites Addition to the Town of Columbus, Montana Block 2: Lots 1 and 2 as shown on Plat No. 179163. Our response is based upon the facts presently known to the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and is provided solely for informational purposes.

EPA and DEQ consider the remediation of the surface and subsurface soil components of the Site complete. Chromium contaminated surface and subsurface soils were excavated, treated, and placed in an onsite repository. All work has been completed in compliance with the EPA's 1992 and 1996 Unilateral Administrative Orders for Removal Action.

EPA Region 8 published a direct final Notice of Partial Deletion of the surface and subsurface soil components of the Site in Federal Register Volume 74, Number 55 (Tuesday, March 24, 2009). This direct final partial deletion was published by EPA with the concurrence of the State of Montana, through the DEQ, because EPA has determined that all appropriate response actions under Superfund, other than five year reviews and operation and maintenance, have been completed for the surface and subsurface components of this Site. Unless conditions change, neither the EPA nor the DEQ

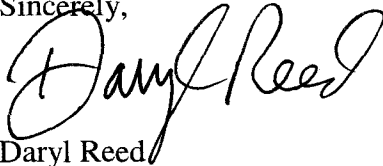


anticipate any further response actions at this property. However, because the response actions resulted in Site conditions that do not allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure and the response actions were conducted as removal actions, EPA will be conducting five-year reviews of the remedy as a matter of policy.

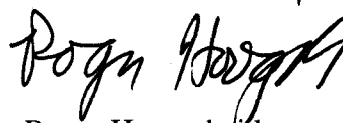
As a result of the cleanup, waste is left in place and Institutional Controls over land use and groundwater use have been established and are maintained by the Town of Columbus. A zoning ordinance (Chapter 17.76 as amended) was approved by Town Council in March 1995 and created the Superfund Overlay District (SOD). SOD Requirements are enforced by the zoning authority of the Town and cannot be amended, suspended, or otherwise rendered ineffective without the prior written approval of EPA and DEQ. As an additional layer of protectiveness, the following language has been added to Timberweld's January 3, 2006 warranty deed: "This conveyance is subject to the provisions of Chapter 17.76, SOD Superfund Overlay District, of the Columbus Municipal Code."

EPA and DEQ support reuse of this Site and Institutional Controls allow for redevelopment of this property as long as performance standards adopted under Chapter 17.76.030 and other requirements of the Town of Columbus Ordinance No. 328 are followed. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please contact either of us at the following numbers: Daryl Reed (406) 841-5041 or Roger Hoogerheide (406) 457-5031.

Sincerely,



Daryl Reed
DEQ Project Officer



Roger Hoogerheide
EPA Project Manager

cc: Richard Sisk
Bill Kirley
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