

CFAC Community Liaison Panel

As a tool for communicating with the local and regional community residents and leaders, Columbia Falls Aluminum Company (CFAC) organized in May 2015 a community group to meet on a regular basis. The CFAC Community Liaison Panel (CLP) purpose is to provide a forum for the discussion and exchange of ideas and opinions about the project. Those involved represent the community, project consultants, state and federal agencies, and CFAC.

The meetings are open to the public; however, a set membership was established to ensure overall representation of the community. The group met six times in 2015 and in January 2016.

With the signing of the Agreement on Consent (AOC) between the federal agency and CFAC, the USEPA has begun creating its Community Involvement Plan. The plan will shape how overall outreach and involvement will be designed and conducted.

The agency's work will be carried out over the coming months. The panel will continue to discuss this at its next meeting, expected to be in May 2016.

To learn more about the panel, contact facilitator Mary Green at **1-877-384-7036**.

Should the Site be Listed on the NPL or Addressed Through the Superfund Alternatives Approach?

The USEPA has not determined whether to finalize the addition of the site to the NPL (National Priorities List) or address the site through the Superfund Alternatives Approach. There are two opportunities to list sites on the NPL: spring and fall. If the USEPA were to list the site on the NPL, the earliest it would do so would be fall 2016.

Information Sites for Project

<http://www.deq.mt.gov/dir/cfac.mcp.x>

<http://www3.epa.gov>

www.calbag.com

www.rouxinc.com

<http://cityofcolumbiafalls.org/cfac-liaison-panel>



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Project Update

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Remedial Investigation/Feasibility (RI/FS) Update

The overall objective of the RI/FS is to gather information necessary to evaluate the impact of the site on human health and the environment and to evaluate potential alternatives to address those impacts. Evaluation will include the identification of chemicals of potential concern and the nature and extent of those chemicals within groundwater, soil, surface water and sediment. Additionally, work will include studies to understand the fate and transport of those materials and identify potential exposure pathways. These data will provide the foundation to conduct a baseline risk assessment and ultimately evaluate remedial alternatives.

The RI/FS Work Plan uses a phased process that includes scoping, work plan development, site characterization, and development and evaluation of remedial alternatives. Each sampling event is used to refine subsequent plans. The RI/FS scoping process to develop a work plan includes the evaluation of existing data, the development of a conceptual site model, preliminary identification of applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements (ARARs) and remedial options, the identification of data quality objectives, and scope of work development. ARARs are standards that govern the clean-up.

Project planning and subcontractor procurement is underway and will extend through March 2016 for this critical phase of the overall project.

Reconnaissance, geographical survey and gas soil screening will be conducted in April 2016. Drilling to install sampling wells will begin in May and conclude in September 2016. The first groundwater sampling event is scheduled to begin in September and conclude in October 2016.

The Phase I summary draft report and draft screening level ecological risk assessment report are due to the agency February, 2017.

All work must be approved and overseen by the United States EPA and the Montana DEQ.

Decommissioning and Removal Update



Issues were resolved concerning the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) Notice of Violation related to shipments of recyclable materials from the site. As a result, Calbag Resources (Calbag) resumed shipment of recyclable materials in January 2016.

Calbag's spent pot liner (SPL) "pot digging" plan was submitted to the MDEQ for review and approval. Based on input from MDEQ, the plan is being revised and will be submitted to the agency for approval in the near future.

The SPL material will be disposed at an USEPA-approved hazardous waste management facility outside Montana.

Numerous site structures have been demolished including the Rod Mill, the Compressor House, the Coal Tar Pitch Unloading Shed, and numerous smaller structures. Future demolition work will focus on the Laboratory Building, Ore Silos and Paste Plant.

Project Schedule	
Phase 1 Site Characterization Task	Estimated Dates
Agreement On Consent Executed	November 30, 2015
Project Planning / Subcontractor Procurement	January – March 2016
Site Reconnaissance / Geophysical Survey / Soil Gas Screening	April 2016
Sampling and Analysis Plan Addendum	May 2016
Drilling Program	May – September 2016
Groundwater Sampling Event #1	September – October 2016
Draft Phase I Summary Report	February 2017
Draft Screening Level Ecological Risk Assessment Report	February 2017

CFAC and its team are committed to answering your questions.

For more information about the project or the community panel, contact Mary Green at 1-877-384-7036.