

## CFAC Community Liaison Panel

In May 2015, as a tool for communicating with the local and regional community residents and leaders, Columbia Falls Aluminum Company (CFAC) organized 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.

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

## CFAC Launches Project Website

[www.cfacproject.com](http://www.cfacproject.com)

### Additional websites for project information:

[www.deq.mt.gov/dir/cfac.mcp](http://www.deq.mt.gov/dir/cfac.mcp)

[www3.epa.gov](http://www3.epa.gov)

[www.calbag.com](http://www.calbag.com)

[www.cityofcolumbiafalls.org/cfac-liaison-panel](http://www.cityofcolumbiafalls.org/cfac-liaison-panel)

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## Project Update

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## Phase I Site Characterization Work Begins

Columbia Falls Aluminum Company (CFAC) and its environmental consultant Roux Associates (Roux), began field activities associated with the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) on April 4, 2016. The RI/FS work will determine the site environmental conditions and what, if any, corrective actions will be needed.

The first task completed by Roux was Site Reconnaissance. Over a two-week period, Roux personnel visited site features (i.e., landfills, ponds, pot rooms, water bodies, etc.) and proposed drilling and sampling locations outlined in the RI/FS Work Plan. During the visits, Roux personnel noted observations relevant to the remedial investigation work and took photographs to document observations. Roux also met with the subcontractors who are expected to be involved in the project, including drilling, surveying, and geophysical subcontractors. Roux conducted project coordination meetings with the U.S. EPA and Calbag.

Roux will continue preparation work for field activities over the next month. This work will lead to the start of the drilling program. Until mid-May, Roux will be completing:

- Soil vapor screening activities
- Geophysical survey
- Preparation of the Sampling and Analysis Plan Addendum

Drilling of soil borings and installation of monitoring wells are expected to begin May 18. Soil sampling will be conducted throughout the drilling program.



*Paste plant demolition progress from March 18 to April 19, 2016.*

## Demolition and Removal Continues

Calbag, the demolition contractor, continues to decommission, demolish, and remove parts of the former CFAC main plant structures. Currently, Calbag and their subcontractors are working on demolishing the Paste Plant building. The building is expected to be fully demolished within the next month. In addition to the Paste Plant demolition, Calbag continues processing and recycling of concrete and the loading and disposal of materials from inside the buildings and structures. Calbag recently completed the removal of asbestos from inside the main plant tunnels.

Inside the pot rooms, Calbag continues to remove the anodes from the former aluminum pots. Removal of each anode requires the use of two cranes, due to the weight of the anode. Review of Calbag's spent pot liner "pot digging" plan by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality is ongoing. Pending approval of the plan, Calbag will begin to remove and dispose of material.

## To Add the Site to the National Priorities List (NPL) Remains a Question

Over the next 18 months, significant changes will occur through demolition efforts, and environmental conditions will be determined during the remedial investigation process. Although there is belief that contamination exists at the site, the extent and nature are unknown. The work ahead will determine what will be required to address conditions and what will be needed to move toward redevelopment. The efforts during this period of time will provide the information needed to design the path forward and final NPL listing will not change that process. The EPA is expected to determine if the site will be listed on the NPL this fall. Although the agency has indicated it is considering the action for this year, the site can be listed anytime during the remediation process. The agency's listing cycling occurs twice a year (spring and fall). If listed on the NPL, the project in Columbia Falls will become the seventeenth final NPL site in Montana and cannot be removed until the project is completed and de-listing is approved by federal and state governments. To share your opinion, you can find agency contact information in this brochure.

## CFAC Project Site Tour

**Open to the Public**

**Wednesday, May 25, 2016**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Columbia Falls Aluminum Company**

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Buses will be provided to take participants on the driving tour of the CFAC Project site.

Those wanting to take the tour are asked to register prior to May 13 by calling 1-877-384-7036. Leave a message with the name of each person attending and a call back number in case we should need to contact you.

## Project Schedule

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