



June 2009

Community Workshop, June 24

Narrowing Down Possible Sites for New Repository

--Your Suggestions Needed--

The Citizens Coordinating Council (CCC) of the Basin Environmental Improvement Project Commission invites you to a community workshop. It will take place June 24, 2009, at the Wallace Inn in Wallace.

This workshop is a follow up to the May 14 public session in Wallace. On May 14, citizens aired concerns about the site and told the agencies what was important to them in siting a repository.

Community Workshop:

Come join us. Let us know what you think about the siting criteria and the short list of repository sites.

June 24, 2009

6:30 to 8:30 pm

Wallace Inn, 100 Front Street
Wallace, Idaho 83873

A new waste soil repository will be built in the Upper Basin. It will be placed somewhere in the Silver Valley or side canyons between Big Creek and Mullan. The repository is needed to safely contain contaminated waste soils from the local Superfund cleanup and from community development.

At the workshop, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality and US Environmental Protection Agency will review citizen issues and suggestions heard at the May session. The agencies will show how citizens have helped shape criteria for selecting the new repository. Related documents soon will be posted online at www.basincommission.com.

The agencies used two criteria to screen a large

number of sites down to a small number of viable sites for more study. The two criteria are storage volume and current land use. The agencies will present the short list of viable sites for the waste soil repository and ask for citizens' input. The workshop is a chance to share your views on repository selection criteria and their relative importance. It is not a formal public hearing.

Public Input on Repository Sites Due June 19

If you have a suggestion for a potential repository site, send it by June 19 to Andy Mork, DEQ, 1410 North Hilton, Boise, Idaho 83706, or email andy.mork@deq.idaho.gov

You can also turn in suggestions at the workshop.

What's Next?

DEQ and EPA will do more study on the short list of viable repository site options. A final decision on the repository location will be announced later this summer.

Why are Repositories Needed?

This repository is one of several eventually needed to safely contain contaminated waste soils from the Bunker Hill Superfund Site cleanup and future community development. Repositories are secure places designed and constructed to protect the environment and reduce people's exposure to harmful contaminants. Other repositories in place or under development include East Mission Flats, Page, the Central Impoundment Area, and Big Creek.

Repositories serve the communities in which they are located. Community members can bring their Institutional Controls Program (ICP) waste to the repositories. This new repository will also handle soil waste from cleanup work in the Upper Basin.



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Repositories will not accept household refuse, electronics, information technology wastes, hazardous wastes, wood waste, biological waste, medical waste, construction waste or other waste not permitted by the Panhandle Health District under the ICP. Monitoring will be conducted to make sure the site is operated and managed well over time, to protect people and the environment.

About the Institutional Controls Program

The ICP is a locally enforced set of rules and regulations to control contamination. It is run by the Panhandle Health District. The ICP was set up to make sure clean soil and other protective barriers stay in place over contaminated soil, and that contaminated materials are not released. This will protect human health and the environment.

For More Information...

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Basin Commission Website:
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DEQ Website: www.deq.idaho.gov/waste/prog_issues/mining/cda_basin.cfm

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