



## Record of Decision Issued For Cleanup of Operable Unit 3

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#### EPA Website

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Contact Marianne Deppman at 206-553-1237 with any comments or suggestions.

### Bunker Hill 0U3 ROD Signed

John Iani, EPA Region 10 Regional Administrator, signed the Record of Decision for The Bunker Hill Mining and Metallurgical Complex Operable Unit 3 on September 12, 2002. His signature followed concurrence letters from the USDA Forest Service, US Department of the Interior, Spokane Tribe of Indians, Washington Department of Ecology, Coeur d'Alene Tribe, and the State of Idaho.

The ROD is the result of more than four years of collaboration and discussion among the various levels of government in the Basin and input from the people and communities affected by the contamination. Thank you to all who contributed to this effort.

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### Basin Commission Holds First Full Meeting

The full membership of the Basin Environmental Improvement Project Commission met for the first time on Friday, September 27. Sherry Krulitz, a Shoshone County Commissioner, was chosen as the chair of the board for a two-year term.

It was decided in executive session to have a core staff group consisting of one member each from EPA, IDEQ, Ecology, and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. This group will be responsible for setting up the commission, coordinating the formation of the technical committees, developing organizational protocols and creating a long-term staffing plan and funding strategy.

Discussion also included: The Lake Management Plan; grant requirements for demonstration projects; the formation of advisory groups, including a decision to convene these groups as soon as possible.

Future meetings of the Commission will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be on October 23, 2002.

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### Documents / Information Recently Added To The Information Repositories

The entire ROD (including Overview Responsiveness Summary and Point-by Point response) is available at:

- North Idaho College Library
- Wallace Public Library
- Harrison City Hall
- Spokane Public Library Downtown Branch

## Coeur d'Alene Lake Management Plan Update

The EPA, State of Idaho and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe have determined that the most effective way to manage metals contaminated sediments laying on the bottom of the Lake is through effective nutrient management. In order to protect Coeur d'Alene Lake water quality and to be considered for Superfund deletion, the DEQ and Tribe formed a consensus review committee, in consultation with the counties, to review, formulate and recommend appropriate modifications and measures to effectively implement the Lake Management Plan.

Some of the preliminary findings and recommendations are as follows:

- Many actions of the old Plan have been implemented but many are voluntary and have not been implemented; there is no long-term priority to implement the Plan, nor organized coordination of the Plan.
- General monitoring indicates water quality of the Lake remains good for nutrients, oxygen and clarity; zinc exceeds standards by two-fold; lead exceeds drinking water standards during extreme high flows; and results of data suggest full implementation of the plan.
- At this time there is no funding support for a comprehensive monitoring plan. A list of non-point source and other nutrient reduction projects must be developed, funded and implemented.
- Staff should be hired to oversee the coordinated implementation of the Lake Management Plan.
- The Plan should be adopted by the Basin Commission and used to develop their annual work plan.

The Lake Management Plan is in the final stages of drafting and will go out for agency review soon.

This information provided by Phil Cernera of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe.

## Other Agency / Entity Contacts

### Bureau of Land Management

Contact: David Fortier, 208-769-5022

### Coeur d'Alene Tribe

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### Panhandle Health District

Contact: Jerry Cobb, 208-783-0707

### Private Land Owners / Managers

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Contact: Randy Connolly, 509-258-7709

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### State of Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

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Contact: Geoff Harvey, 208-769-1422

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### Silver Dollar Soil Project

Research on growth media alternatives to topsoil for capping and establishing vegetation on mine waste features began in late August. The Silver Dollar mine dump in Osburn, will be graded to create 2:1 slopes for test plots. Different growth medias contributed by suppliers will be placed in the plots in September and seeded in October. Monitoring will occur for two years.

### South Fork Stabilization Pilot Project

Destruction of river stability and habitat is a consequence of major floodplain removal action. Approaches to river and floodplain reconstruction will be studied along a portion of the South Fork Coeur d'Alene River in Kellogg. Work will include channel modifications, stream structural features, and plantings. Phase 1 will begin in September and Phase 2 will be done next year.

### Voluntary Yard Remediation Project

The voluntary pilot yard remediation program in the basin is coming to completion. Over 120 properties were sampled and 27 properties were remediated under the pilot program. This included residential yards, driveways and rights-of-way in Osburn, Polaris, Wallace and Mullan. The program also tested properties with soil lead concentrations between 700 -1000 with a yard greening approach. This included addition of soil, mulch and walkways to improve the extent and durability of cover.

The state used two local contractors to do this work. The program will be evaluated over the winter months and modifications/improvements made for consideration in future basin yard remediation efforts.

### State of Washington Department of Ecology

Contact: John Roland, 509-625-5182

### United States Fish and Wildlife Service

Contact: Dan Audet, 509-893-8001

### United States Forest Service

Contact: Jeff Johnson, 208-765-7442

### United States Geological Survey

Contact: Paul Woods, 208-387-1353

## Upcoming Events

### **Basin Environmental Improvement Project Commission**

**October 23, 2002** – 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Forest Service Building – 3815 Schriber Way, Coeur d'Alene

Agenda: TBA

Contact: Luke Russell, 208-783-5781

### **Coeur d'Alene Basin Citizen Advisory Committee (CBCAC)**

**October 9, 2002** – 7:00 p.m.

Rose Lake Historical Society Building – Rose Lake

Agenda: TBA

Please see CBCAC's website at [www.cdabcac.org](http://www.cdabcac.org) for meeting agendas, past meeting minutes, posted reports, readings and other valuable information.

Contact: Geoff Harvey, 208-769-1422

### **Coeur d'Alene Basin Interagency Group (CBIG)**

**Date and Time** - TBA

Agenda: TBA

Contact: Jack Gunderman, 208-686-1118

### **Silver Valley People's Action Coalition**

PO Box 362, Kellogg, ID 83837

Contact: Babara Miller, 208-784-8891

### **Shoshone Natural Resources Coalition (SNRC)**

**October 8, 2002** – 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**October 22, 2002** – 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Brooks Hotel – 500 Cedar Street, Wallace, ID

(Group meets second and fourth Tuesday of each month.)

Contact: Connie Fudge, 208-753-6022

### **Washington Citizens Advisory Committee (WCAC)**

#### **Board of Directors Meeting**

**October 10, 2002** – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Spokane County Water Works Building

914 E. North Foothills Drive, Spokane

#### **Members Meeting**

**October 16, 2002** – 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Spokane County Library

4322 N. Argonne Road, Spokane

Agenda: Business Meeting and Update on River and Aquifer Dynamics by Stan Miller, City of Spokane Public Works Department.

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