



Coeur d'Alene Basin Proposed Plan Comment Period Extended

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EPA Website

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/CLEANUP.NSF/sites/cda>

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Coeur d'Alene Basin News Briefs Submissions

Contact Pamela Moore at 206-438-2236 with any comments, suggestions or submissions.

Documents / Information Recently Added To The Information Repositories

There have been no new additions to the Information Repositories in the past month.

Participation In The Proposed Plan Comment Period Is Encouraged

- In response to requests, the public comment period for the Proposed Plan has been extended an additional 30 days. The comment period will now close on December 28, 2001. Written comments should be sent to:

Sheila Eckman
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Comments can also be sent to Sheila via
E-mail: eckman.sheila@epa.gov.

Following the comment period, EPA will prepare a responsiveness summary that will be included in the Record of Decision (ROD), which is expected to be released in early 2002.

The exact release date for the ROD will depend on several things, including how many comments EPA receives and what types of changes are made to the cleanup plan based on the comments.

- Thank you to all who attended the Proposed Plan public meetings. EPA is planning to prepare a "Frequently Asked Questions" fact sheet to help answer some of the questions we heard during the informal question and answer sessions at the meetings. This fact sheet will be mailed to our large Basin mailing list in the next couple of weeks.

News Briefs Issues Are Available Through Email

News Briefs issues can be sent as a pdf or Microsoft Word file to your email address. Please send requests to pamela_moore@urscorp.com

Other Agency / Entity Contacts and Highlights

Bureau of Land Management

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Coeur d'Alene Tribe

Contact: Phillip Cerner, 208-667-4119

Panhandle Health District

Contact: Jerry Cobb, 208-783-0707

Private Land Owners / Managers

Contact: Frank Frutche, 208-682-2077

Silver Valley Natural Resource Trustees

Contact: Marti Calabretta, 208-752-6371

The Success Mine/Mill Site Passive Groundwater Treatment System was completed November 2001.

The historic Success site in the Ninemile Creek tributary above Wallace contributes the largest dissolved metals loading of any "discrete" site above the Bunker Hill Superfund Box, degrading the water quality of the South Fork Coeur d'Alene River.

A pilot passive groundwater treatment system incorporating a pressure grouted hydraulic barrier wall between EF Ninemile Creek and the Success Tailings Pile, a collection system, and treatment vault has been completed and activated. Apatite WE, a fishbone apatite was selected by the Silver Valley Natural Resource Trustees as the initial media for testing.

Overall, the groundwater treatment system at Success is performing well and has reduced levels of total and dissolved cadmium, lead, and zinc by over 85% since the apatite was placed in January 2001. Phosphorus monitoring was initiated in November 2001. Changes in the dissolved metals load in surface water will hopefully be reflected in IDEQ 2002 surface water monitoring of Ninemile Creek.

Our thanks to Bryony Hansen of Golder Associates and all the federal and state agencies' team members who cooperated to get this voluntary project up and going. Savings were realized in both construction contracts and will be put toward future monitoring and Operation and Maintenance costs.

State of Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

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Contact: Geoff Harvey, 208-769-1422

Contact: Luke Russell, 208-783-5781

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State of Washington Department of Ecology

Contact: John Roland, 509-625-5182

With the end of the year fast approaching I'd like to wish everyone a healthy and fulfilling holiday season and new year. Also, please keep in mind that I am available to assist with questions interested members of the community may have on the proposed Spokane River cleanup tasks, as well as the broader basin-wide actions as they relate to Washington. Please be sure to take a few minutes and provide written comment to the EPA on your assessment of the Proposed Plan.

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

Coeur d'Alene Basin Citizen Advisory Committee

December 5, 7 to 9 p.m.

Rose Lake Historical Society Building – Rose Lake, ID

Agenda: Election of Chair and Vice Chair. Review of Coeur d'Alene River South Fork Sediment Sub-Basin Assessment and Total Maximum Daily Load. Continued review of the Coeur d'Alene Lake Management Plan.

Contact: Geoff Harvey, 208-769-1422

Coeur d'Alene River Basin Commission

December 6, 7 to 9 p.m.

Associated Logging Contractors Building (South on Highway 95)

Agenda: Introductory talk by John Iani, new EPA Regional Director. Subcommittee report on the Proposed State Work Plan by Frank Frutchey. Report on Coeur d'Alene River bank stabilization and bank wedge removal by Terra Graphics and the Soil Conservation District.

Contact: Geoff Harvey, 208-769-1422

Shoshone County Natural Resources Coalition

December 11 only, 11:30 am to 1:30 p.m.

Brooks Hotel - 500 Cedar Street, Wallace, ID (Group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.)

Contact: Connie Fudge, 208-753-6022

Silver Valley Natural Resource Trustees

December 3-7 – Northwest Mining Convention

Doubletree Hotel, City Center, Spokane

A presentation on the "Treatment of Metals Implacted Groundwater With a Semi-Passive Organic Apatite System" (Success Mine/Mill Pilot) will be delivered at the Northwest Mining Convention in Spokane. Copies of the paper can be obtained from Bryony Hansen, Golder Associates Inc., 1200 W Ironwood Drive, Suite 314, Coeur d'Alene ID 83814.

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