



COEUR D'ALENE BASIN

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Environmental Protection Agency Highlights

Feasibility Study Human Health Alternatives- Contact: Sean Sheldrake - (206) 553-1220

Feasibility Study Ecological Health Alternatives - Contact: Mary Jane Nearman - (206) 553-6642 or Anne Dailey - (206) 553-2110

Removals - Contact: Earl Liverman - (208) 664-4858 or (208) 786-5203

Community Outreach - Contact: Dick Martindale - (208) 664-4588 or Marianne Deppman - (206) 553-1237

- The EPA has extended the comment period on the draft Feasibility Study Report from March 13, 2001 to April 12, 2001. If interested parties have additional comments after April 12th, they can be submitted at any time up to and during the formal public comment period on the Proposed Plan and Administrative Record.
- EPA in consultation with state, tribal and federal stakeholders are nearly finished drafting a status report on the development of the preferred alternative. The status report will be made available to the public.
- Recent newspaper articles have again raised questions about how the Coeur d'Alene Basin Superfund site is defined. Superfund designations are defined by where contamination has come to be located. There is no effort underway, nor is there a need to, "expand the Superfund site."
- This year's voluntary residential sampling is scheduled to begin in mid-April. The Army Corps of Engineers will be leading the sampling effort.

Other Agency/Entity Contacts and Highlights

Bureau of Land Management - Contact: David Fortier - (208)769-5022

Coeur d'Alene Tribe - Contact: Phillip Cernera - (208)667-4119

Panhandle Health District- Contact: Jerry Cobb - (208) 783-0707

Private Land Owners/Managers - Contact Frank Frutchey - (208) 682-2077

Silver Valley Natural Resource Trustees - Contact: Marti Calabretta - (208) 786-2471

State of Idaho - Contact: Rob Hanson (208) 373-0290 or Kathy Johnson (208) 660-4460
A collaborative evaluation of the effectiveness of soil amendments to reduce lead bioavailability in waterfowl has been initiated. Please refer to the enclosed Briefing Sheet for more details.

State of Washington Department of Ecology - Contact: John Roland - (509) 625-5182

United States Fish and Wildlife Service - Contact: Julie Campbell (509)891-0450

United States Forest Service - Contact: John Specht or Jeff Johnson - (208) 664-2318

United States Geological Survey - Contact: Paul Woods - (208) 387-1353

Calendar of Events

April 4th

CAC RI/FS Task Force. *Tentative.* Meeting to review comments on the draft Feasibility Study. Please contact Marti Calabretta at 208-786-2471 for details

April 10th and 24th 11:30 a.m to 1:30 p.m.

Shoshone Natural Resources Coalition. Brooks Hotel (500 Cedar Street, Wallace, ID) Contact Connie Fudge, 208-753-6022 (group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month)

April 12th, 6 to 9 p.m.

Science Summit. Wallace Inn (100 Front Street, Wallace). National and local experts will discuss bioavailability issues.

April 16th

Consensus Group Meeting. Please contact Kathy Johnson for details by calling 208-783-5781 or 605-343-3534, extension 212.

April 21st, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Silver Valley Health Festival. Silver Hills Middle School (Osburn). Health related information, activities and services for Silver Valley families.

April 25th, 9 a.m. - Noon

Coeur d'Alene River Basin Commission. Associated Logging Contractors Building (U.S. Highway 95). Discussions on the upcoming stream bank stabilization, removal and reactive wall demonstration project; project subcommittee report, effectiveness results from Interstate and Canyon Creek.