



EPA Remedial Action at the East Helena Superfund Site Operable Unit 2 Spring 2016

In the continuation of ongoing activities associated with the East Helena Superfund Site, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), through their contractor Pacific Western Technologies, Ltd. (PWT), will continue to conduct a remedial action at several locations in and around East Helena, resuming this March 2016 and lasting until June 2016.

Site Summary

The East Helena Superfund Site consists of the former ASARCO smelter facility; the City of East Helena, Montana; and nearby residential subdivisions, rural developments, and surrounding undeveloped lands that extend into Lewis and Clark County and Jefferson County. As a result of East Helena Area soils, water and air being contaminated with metals (primarily lead and arsenic) that were emitted from former smelter operations, EPA listed the Site on the National Priorities List in 1984. A series of non-time critical soil removal actions were conducted at numerous properties throughout operable unit 2 from 1991 to 2011. EPA issued a Record of Decision in 2009.

What is happening in the spring of 2016?

Starting on March 28, 2016, 19 additional road aprons in East Helena and portions of 6 flood channels located north of East Helena will be remediated by PWT and their subcontractor(s). Contaminated soils removed from these areas will be transported by covered dump trucks south along Montana Avenue to Main Street, along Main Street to Lane Avenue, south along Lane Avenue to Highway 12, and then across Highway 12 for disposal in the East Helena Repository located south of Highway 12. Soils from the flood channels to the north of East Helena will be transported by covered dump trucks south on Wylie Drive/4th Street, and east on Main Street before following the same route as described above to the Repository.

Contact Information

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