
The Atlantic Richfield Agreement

The County is nearing completion of its Institutional Controls Agreement (ICA) with Atlantic Richfield, and a public review meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 10. This is the first of a series of publications to provide information about the agreement.

Institutional Controls Agreement

What are Institutional Controls (ICs)?

- Institutional Controls are part of the Superfund cleanup. They help protect people and the environment from exposure to metals.
- In Anaconda, this means making sure contaminated soil is properly handled through the Development Permit System, and providing information about arsenic and lead, through the Community Protective Measures Plan.
- We also refer residents to Atlantic Richfield for soil sampling and cleanup, in addition to attic dust and domestic well sampling.

What does the IC Agreement do?

- The agreement provides funding for our IC program, and for maintaining property Atlantic Richfield gave the County in 1994. These properties include the Old Works Golf Course, East Yards, Red Sands, Mill Creek, Stuckey Ridge, and others. Maintenance includes weed spraying, cleaning and maintaining storm water structures, and replanting vegetation as needed.
- The agreement also provides for Community Enhancement. The County will use this money for economic development.

What does the IC Agreement NOT do?

- The agreement DOES NOT release Atlantic Richfield from the site. Atlantic Richfield will continue to be the responsible party, and will continue reclamation for another 10 to 15 years.
- The agreement DOES NOT mean EPA and DEQ are going away. They will continue to oversee Atlantic Richfield's work, and perform five-year reviews and evaluate remedy into perpetuity.
- The County IS NOT taking on Superfund liability. The liability stays with Atlantic Richfield.

Please express your questions, comments, or concerns to the Superfund Coordinator, Carl Nyman, at 563-7019, or email him at cnyman@qwestoffice.net.