

SUPERFUND NEWS

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The Institutional Controls Agreement (ICA)

Over the past 7 years, Anaconda-Deer Lodge County developed and ran a temporary Institutional Controls Program (ICs) to protect the public (you) from exposure to metals, and educate and inform residents about the Superfund site. The County and Atlantic Richfield (AR) have negotiated an Institutional Controls Agreement for the program.

What does this all mean?

FUNDING FOR:

County Institutional Controls Program

Maintenance of properties given to the County by AR in 1994 (Old Works Golf Course, East Yards, and others)

County redevelopment and enhancement activities

Replaces the 1994 Conveyance Agreement

IT DOES NOT:

PASS Superfund Liability on to the County

REMOVE Atlantic Richfield from their Superfund responsibilities

ALLOW EPA and DEQ to stop work on the site (will forever oversee cleanup)

MEAN this is the final agreement (Consent Decree is the final agreement)

What are ICs?

- Activities or actions to help minimize the chance of you being exposed to contamination
- Administrative or legal tools (example: County permitting, public education and information process)
- ICs are used during remedial activities, or anytime contamination is to remain in a place at a level that does not allow unrestricted use of the area

Why are ICs needed?

- Institutional Controls protect you, the public from contamination. ICs also protect the remedy, a barrier between you and the contamination, from being damaged or destroyed.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

COME to the next public meeting (TBD) with the Commission. Please watch for announcements on a specific date and time. The County will continue to provide updates on a monthly basis.

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