

## Weekly Update

# Milltown Reservoir Sediments Superfund Site

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These weekly updates are intended to provide you with the latest information about remediation, restoration and redevelopment activities at the Milltown Reservoir.

Status: The Milltown Reservoir cleanup project is going well and is on schedule for dam removal in spring 2008. Interior flood berms to protect sediments excavated during the dewatering test (42,000 yds<sup>3</sup>) were completed last week.

### Currently:

- On site, workers are busy preparing the area where the Clark Fork River flood berm will be built. Workers are installing silt fencing along the Clark Fork River. This fencing will help keep soils from eroding into the river from storm water run-off. Preparations also include removing brush and debris and stockpiling that material on-site. Clark Fork River flood berm construction begins this week. All flood berms will be finished by April 2007.
- Work continues on the construction of on-site haul road at the base of I-90.
- Soils gradation work continues. This work is needed to ensure that riprap and soils used on site are appropriate for construction of the by-pass channel berms, haul roads, flood berms, etc.
- This week, Envirocon begins preparation of an area for more permanent offices. The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will be EPA's construction oversight representative and will have office space on-site.
- Air monitoring results done on 1/29/07 for lead, copper and arsenic showed no measurable exposure to workers, even under the worst working conditions.



Construction of the Clark Fork River Flood Berm:  
Installation of Silt Curtains this week



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## Upcoming Meetings

- Feb. 15, 2007 4-7 pm in the Bonner School Gym Missoula County will host an Open House to discuss designs for pedestrian trail along Hwy 210 E from Bonner School to Piltzville
- Meeting re: Hwy 200 Bridge—Date TBD
- Feb. 27, 2007 10 am Health & Safety Mtg. Piltzville Fire Station
- Feb. 27, 2007 6:30 pm Milltown Redevelopment Working Group at the Lutheran Church in Bonner



Milltown Reservoir Tour

## Milltown Health and Safety Meetings

Since June 2005, EPA has been hosting community health and safety meetings to ensure effective coordination among those involved in the Milltown cleanup (i.e., EPA, USACE, the State of Montana, ARCo and Envirocon), the emergency responders (Police and Fire Departments), and the Bonner School. Community members and local organizations also attend. At each meeting, project staff review current and upcoming site work to alerting the School, Police, Fire and the public to possible health and safety issues.

Traffic is a recurring topic at the health and safety meetings and it was the #1 issue raised by the community during EPA's 2006 interviews.

### *What is being done to address traffic concerns?*

- Most of the project-related traffic will be limited to workers going to and from work and intermittent hauling of construction materials to the site.
- The project has been designed to avoid much of the road traffic by sending the excavated sediments by rail to a repository at the Anaconda Superfund Site.
- EPA and the Watershed Education Network gave a presentation to Bonner School students about the cleanup and safety.
- Project-related traffic will run on Hwy 210 E and Rustic Road. To address traffic concerns along the haul routes, a pedestrian trail is being built this year from the School to the Piltzville Fire Station. Also, during the periodic hauling, signs will be posted to alert the community and the speed will be reduced to 45 mph along Hwy 210 E and Rustic Road. The speed limit will apply to all motorists.

## Milltown Project Schedule

2007	Build haul roads Build flood berms Bridge mitigation Build bypass channel Build pedestrian trail Construct rail lines Begin rail hauling
2008	Stage 2 drawdown Build coffer dam Diversion of CFR Spillway removal Sediment removal Rail hauling sediment Restoration Redevelopment
2009	Sediment removal Rail hauling sediment Restoration Redevelopment
2010	Restoration Redevelopment
2011	Restoration Redevelopment



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## SAFETY WARNING!

Uneven ice on the Blackfoot River means unsafe — yes, dangerous — ice conditions. Signs are being posted.

Please remind family and friends to stay off the ice and out of the areas closed to the public during the Milltown Reservoir cleanup.

Thank you! Be safe!

## Community Involvement Update

- Missoula County (Health and Fire Departments) and the Clark Fork River Technical Assistance Committee toured the Milltown project area on Tuesday, 2/6/07. They are the public's representatives on the Milltown Design Review Team. To provide comments or suggestions to the cleanup design process, please contact Peter Nielsen, MCCHD, 258-4968, or Mike Kustudia, CFRTAC, 541-8099.
- Community Information Office is now open on Tuesdays from noon—3:30 pm. The office is located near the Milltown Market at 315 Anaconda in Milltown. Take a minute to stop by!