

# STATE OF MONTANA, NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE PROGRAM



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**Re: Notice of Intent to Perform a Natural Resource Damage Assessment and accompanying Preassessment Screen for the Libby Groundwater Contamination Site, National Priorities List Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Site (Site)**

Dear Mr. Angell, Mr. Ginski, and Mr. Richardson:

Please see the enclosed Notice of Intent to Perform a Natural Resource Damage Assessment and accompanying Preassessment Screen for the Libby Groundwater Contamination Site, National Priorities List Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Site (Site). Please provide a response to this notice within thirty (30) calendar days of your receipt of this notice indicating whether you intend to participate in the natural resource damage assessment process at the Site. Your response should provide a primary contact person.

Additionally, NRDP is providing an initial invoice for reasonable assessment costs related to development of the above-referenced documents pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. § 9607, and the Comprehensive Environmental Cleanup and Responsibility Act, §§ 75-10-701, *et seq.*, MCA. Please pay this invoice within 60 days; we will plan to assess appropriate interest following that time period. NRDP uses the time periods in § 75-10-722, MCA. Please let us know if you have any questions or would like to discuss it.

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NRDP will periodically send invoices for reasonable assessment costs in the future. Please provide us with a contact name and email to International Paper where we should direct future invoices.

You may provide your response directly to me via email, [khausrath@mt.gov](mailto:khausrath@mt.gov) or in hard copy. Please feel free to email me or call me at (406) 422-3679 if you have any questions.

Regards,

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