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## RESIDENTIAL SOIL ACCESS AGREEMENT

Atlantic Richfield Company – the responsible party of the Anaconda Smelter NPL site – sent letters to local landowners last month regarding Access Agreements for soil and attic dust sampling. This is part of the additional remedial work required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) per an amendment made in September of 2013 to the Community Soils Operable Unit (CSOU) Record of Decision (ROD). The amendment introduced action levels for lead into the required residential soils response – which previously addressed arsenic only – as well as action levels for both arsenic and lead in attic dust.

The 2013 amendment to the CSOU ROD was created in light of new information and standards from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In 2012, the CDC lowered the “level of concern” for blood lead levels (BLL) in response to the overwhelming scientific evidence indicating the serious adverse health effects of elevated blood lead levels, especially in children. Effecting the central nervous system, lead can lead to permanent cognitive impairment and behavioral disorders, and is also associated with adverse cardiovascular, immunological, and endocrine effects.

It is important that residents, who received this letter, return the enclosed Access Agreement and Dust Sampling Residential Occupant Questionnaire to Atlantic Richfield.



Photo of soil sampling conducted by the US Dept. of Agriculture.

Not all Anaconda-Deer Lodge County landowners/residents received a letter, as the CSOU addresses only those residential yards impacted by emissions and fallout from smelting operations; namely, the eastern neighborhoods within the Anaconda city limits.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Access Agreement for soil and attic dust sampling or any other Superfund related issues, please feel free to contact the Arrowhead Foundation at (406) 563.5538 ext. 14 or by visiting us at our office on the third floor of the Community Service Center (118 East 7th Street, Anaconda).