



April 2023 Superfund Update

Recent and Upcoming Activities

Northside Tailings project

The Northside Tailings/East Buffalo Gulch project will include removal of underground mining waste and construction of a stormwater basin, a community park, and a fishing pond in the area shown below. The stormwater basin will treat runoff from the East Buffalo Gulch drainage on the Butte Hill, to protect water quality in Silver Bow Creek.

Atlantic Richfield continues to work on the design of this project and construction is still several years away. Union Pacific Railroad owns the northern part of this project site. Atlantic Richfield is currently working to obtain an access agreement from Union Pacific to perform testing for the design. Atlantic Richfield intends to purchase the railroad property so that it can become part of the proposed community park. Once Atlantic Richfield owns the property and has performed all Superfund Consent Decree work, they will transfer ownership to Butte-Silver Bow so that it is open to the public.

Northside Tailings project area, Union Pacific Railroad property outlined in blue. Base map is Atlantic Richfield's 30% Design.



Mine Waste Repository and Haul Route

Atlantic Richfield previously planned for this March the public roll-out of the mine waste repository siting study and public involvement of the Repository Siting Study Committee. This has now been postponed and is currently planned for this summer. Atlantic Richfield and Montana Resources have had preliminary discussions regarding placement within the Continental Mine permit area as one of the options for the repository.

Upcoming Activity Schedule

The Diggings East 60% project design is planned to be released in May. This is the next step in the design process since the 30% design was released in December 2020.

The Blacktail Creek Hydraulic Control 30% design is planned to be released in June.

CTEC plans to review these design documents as they are released.