

Insufficiently Reclaimed Sites

Site Evaluations

In the Butte Priority Soils Operable Unit (BPSOU), there are 26 historic mining-related sites (about 100 acres) that were reclaimed to a standard that may not meet the requirements of the Butte Hill Revegetation Standards (BHRS). In the proposed remedy, these sites would be evaluated by Butte-Silver Bow County to determine if they meet the BHRS requirements. If not, the sites would receive further reclamation. All proposed reclamation work would be performed by Butte Silver-Bow County using funds provided by Atlantic Richfield Company.

Site Reclamation

Any reclamation and other construction activities that are performed by Butte-Silver Bow County at an insufficiently reclaimed site would be conducted under the direction of the EPA, in consultation with MDEQ. This work may include import and placement of additional soil, revegetation, and/or construction of stormwater controls, which may include additions or upgrades to any curbs and gutters around the site.

Site-specific Details:

- The evaluation may require additional sampling to determine if the presence of contaminants of concern, insufficient growth media, or remaining sources contribute to site deficiencies.
- Following evaluation, a remedial action work plan would be developed and used to direct reclamation activities.
- Following completion of reclamation activities, each site would be incorporated for ongoing inspection and maintenance within the Butte Reclamation Evaluation System.
- Regular inspection and any maintenance work would be funded by Atlantic Richfield Company and performed by Butte-Silver Bow County.

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