

Atlantic Richfield to begin demolition and disposal activities at the Butte Reduction Works

1. WHAT IS HAPPENING?

Atlantic Richfield is beginning initial demolition at Butte Reduction Works (BRW) as the first step in the remediation of BRW and subsequent construction of the Silver Bow Creek Conservation Area. Construction crews will demolish segments of the slag wall on the southern and western portions of Butte Reduction Works, as well as the furnace foundation, manganese ore bin, and diesel storage tank. Future waste excavation, stream reconstruction, capping, and installation of groundwater controls won't be completed until remedial design plans are reviewed and approved by EPA, in consultation with DEQ.

2. WHEN IS THIS HAPPENING?

Demolition will begin the week of December 4th and is expected to conclude in the summer of 2024.

3. WHERE ARE THE DEBRIS BEING TAKEN?

Demolition debris and limited impacted soils will be hauled directly to the existing Butte Mine Waste Repository (BMWR) via approved haul routes. All loads traveling to the BMWR will be covered.

4. SHOULD I EXPECT ANY IMPACTS IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD?

The Butte Reduction Works is in an industrial area west of Montana Street, between Interstate 90 and Centennial Ave. Some noise from heavy equipment may be heard in the project area. Residents should expect construction traffic on portions of Montana Street, George Street, Kaw Avenue, West Front Street, Centennial Avenue, Excelsior Avenue, Ryan Road, and Alexander Street. Traffic control signage will be installed to warn motorists of activity in the area.

5. WILL THE PROJECT AREA BE MONITORED FOR DUST?

The contractor will use water to suppress dust at the project site. Air quality will be monitored in accordance with an Air Monitoring Plan, reviewed and approved by EPA, in consultation with DEQ.

6. WHO IS DOING THE WORK?

Jacobs, Wasley Excavating, and other contractors will perform the work on behalf of Atlantic Richfield. This project is being conducted in coordination with Butte-Silver Bow, under the oversight of EPA.

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