

CFAC Community Liaison Panel

As a tool for communicating with the local and regional community residents and leaders, CFAC has organized a community group that meets on a regular basis. The CFAC Community Liaison Panel (CLP) is intended to provide a forum for the discussion and exchange of ideas and opinions about the project.

Members represent various interests and serve as a cross-section of the Columbia Falls and Flathead County community. Those serving represent neighbors; business; health care; education; religion; environmental advocates; and local, state and federal elected officials. Company representatives participate for CFAC and Glencore.

Meetings are open to the public. Guests are asked to contact the facilitator in advance to help with planning.

For questions, contact facilitator Mary Green at **1-800-784-4343**.

Visit www.cityofcolumbiafalls.org/cfac-liaison-panel to view meeting minutes.

**CFAC Community Liaison
Panel Meeting
Thursday, January 21, 2016
Columbia Falls
High School Cafeteria
6:00 p.m.**



Columbia Falls Aluminum Company
2000 Aluminum Drive
Columbia Falls, MT 59912



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**Project
Update**

Project Major Events in 2015

December 2014 CFAC contacts EPA to begin discussions of an Administrative Order on Consent for the performance of an RI/FS.

March 3, 2015 CFAC announces permanent closure of the Columbia Falls facility.

April 4, 2015 CFAC signs sales agreement and dismantling contract with Calbag.

January-May 2015 A team is assembled to manage the CFAC RI/FS process consisting of CFAC, Roux, and Ann Green Communications.

January-May 2015 A second team is assembled to manage the CFAC salvaging operations consisting of CFAC, Calbag Resources, and Ann Green Communications.

May 5, 2015 Citizen Liason Panel is formed and begins monthly meetings to keep public informed. Group is facilitated by Ann Green Communications.

June 5, 2015 Draft RI/FS Workplan is published and distributed for regulatory and public review.

August-November 2015 CFAC and EPA negotiate the terms of the AOC and scope of the RI/FS. The AOC is fully executed. The RI/FS Work Plan is included as an exhibit to the AOC.

May-July 2015 Calbag Resources completes asbestos survey of CFAC facility.

June-November 2015 Asbestos removal begins, under MDEQ approval, and is complete in several buildings, leaving structures ready for salvaging.

July-August 2015 Calbag Resources conducts successful auction of inventory and equipment at CFAC.

May-November 2015 Calbag begins process of salvaging and recycling materials from CFAC.

January-November 2015 CFAC continues to monitor water quality as directed by MPDES permit. Whole Effluent Toxicity testing of seeps near Flathead River indicated the seep poses no toxicity threat to the Flathead River.

June-December 2015 CFAC offers to test Aluminum City residential wells for cyanide and fluoride on a quarterly basis for one year. Two sampling events have occurred. No detections of cyanide have occurred. Two wells have had detections of fluoride, at levels slightly over detection limit, but well below drinking water standards. Fluoride does occur naturally in groundwater in the Flathead Valley.

July-September 2015

CFAC donates:

- a fire engine, flammable liquid storage cabinets, miscellaneous fire-fighting equipment to City of Columbia Falls Fire Department
- miscellaneous tools to City of Columbia Falls Public Works Department
- equipment and steel to Columbia Falls High School and Flathead Valley Community College
- 210 sleeping bags and 40 cots to United Way for use in their homeless people winter shelter project
- labor and transportation for the loading and shipping donations

Throughout 2015 CFAC has been in negotiations with the Gateway to Glacier Trail organization to allow access to CFAC land for a bike path.

Project Update and Projected Schedule

The AOC was signed November 30, 2015. The Columbia Falls Aluminum Company and the United States Environmental Agency have initiated planning for the Remedial Investigation portion of the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study. This work includes preparing for the installation of monitoring wells, which is targeted to start in spring 2016.

Now that the AOC is signed and the RI/FS Work Plan will be conducted, the USEPA will begin to create a community involvement plan.

Remedial Investigation Project Schedule

Phase I Site Characterization Task	Estimated Dates
AOC is completed	November 2015
Health and Safety Plan Submittal	December 2015
Project Planning / Subcontractor Procurement	January-March 2016
Site Reconnaissance / Geophysical Survey/Soil Gas Screening	April 2016
Sampling and Analysis Plan Addendum	May 2016
Drilling Program	July-October 2016
Groundwater Sampling Event #1	October-November 2016
Draft Phase I Summary Report	February 2017
Draft Screening Level Ecological Risk Assessment Report	February 2017

Overall Project Schedule for RI/FS Work Plan

Phase I Site Characterization Field Program	4th Quarter 2016
Phase I Summary Report and Phase II SAP	1st Quarter 2017
Baseline Risk Assessment Work Plan	2nd Quarter 2017
Phase II Site Characterization Field Program	4th Quarter 2017
Baseline Risk Assessment and Final RI Report	3rd Quarter 2018
FS Work Plan	1st Quarter 2019

CFAC and its team are committed to answering your questions. For more information about the project or the community panel, contact Mary Green at 1-877-384-7036.