

## CFAC Project Open House

Thursday, October 8

Columbia Falls High School Cafeteria

5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Project representatives  
will be available to  
discuss project work and  
answer questions.

## 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](http://www.cityofcolumbiafalls.org/cfac-liaison-panel) to view meeting minutes.



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### Progress Continues as Negotiations are Conducted

CFAC received a draft Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) relating to the performance of a Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Study (RI/FS). The RI/FS is the road map that details how the work at the site will go forward, including soil and groundwater sampling to determine site conditions. The AOC was received from the United States Environmental Protection Agency on June 9, 2015. Since then, discussions have been underway:

- CFAC and the U.S. EPA met in Columbia Falls August 5, 2015, to discuss the draft AOC. The session was positive and most outstanding issues in the text of the draft AOC were resolved.
- The U.S. EPA sent CFAC a revised draft of the AOC August 12, 2015, based on the parties' discussion at the August 5 meeting.
- The agency and CFAC have had numerous phone calls and exchange of documents during the months of August and September, 2015.

#### Next steps:

- CFAC and EPA will meet to discuss the RI/FS work plan October 6-7. The RI/FS work plan will be incorporated into the AOC and must be agreed to by the parties before the AOC can be finalized.



## Decommissioning and Removal

The recent auction at the Columbia Falls Aluminum Company went smoothly.

The three-day auction in late July is complete and all sold items have been removed by the purchasers. More than 1,500 items were sold—everything from a wrench to a 60,000-pound forklift.

Demolition efforts continue. Asbestos abatement is underway, primarily on the north side of the plant. Concrete processing and recycling have begun and will continue throughout the project. It is estimated that 240,000 tons of concrete will be recycled and repurposed on site.

Calbag, the demolition contractor, employs a total of 78 people. Thirty-four employees are from Columbia Falls or Kalispell.

Calbag submitted a SPL "pot digging" plan to the Montana Department of Environmental Quality for comment and approval. This plan is needed for disposal of hazardous waste located in 451 cathodes. The material will be disposed of at an agency-approved landfill in Oregon.

The main source of electrical power is scheduled to be terminated at the facility in late October. This is needed to allow structural demolition to occur. An alternate power supply is being installed by Flathead Electric Co-Op to supply the remaining portions of the buildings with power. This power supply will remain at the site during the project.

**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.**



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