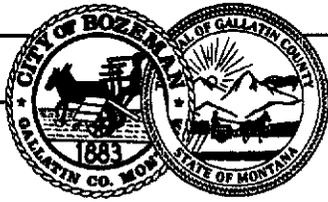


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Gallatin City-County Health Department

To: House Human Services Committee
Rep. Arlene Becker, Chair

From: Stephanie Nelson, Health Officer
Gallatin City-County Health Department

Date: January 24, 2005

Re: Testimony House Bill No. 60

As the Health Officer for Gallatin County, I am writing in support of House Bill 60. I appreciate Rep. Harris bringing this bill forward and the opportunity for this difficult issue to be discussed.

The question as to the actual risks to health is a hard one to answer. The data is just not available as to the number of individuals getting sick from these environments. There is a tremendous amount of science to back a reasonable assumption that the potential is real, especially in our most vulnerable population, children. House Bill 60 ensures an informed public and standards for clean up. It is a good first step in addressing this multi faceted problem.