

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION  
WATER RESOURCES DIVISION  
WATER RIGHTS BUREAU

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

**PART I. PROPOSED ACTION DESCRIPTION**

1. **Type of action:** Water use permit application no. 76G-Q109025-00
2. **Applicant/Contact name and address:** ARCO Environmental Remediation LLC  
307 E Park Ave Suite 400  
Anaconda MT 59711-2300
3. **Water source name:** Clark Fork River
4. **Location affected by action:** NENENW S21 T07N R09W & SENWSW S28 T07N R09W Powell Co.
5. **Narrative summary of the proposed project and action to be taken:** This is a temporary permit and is part of the ongoing cleanup of a Super Fund Site located south of Deer Lodge along the East Side Road. This water will be used for dust control and the initial "watering in" of the newly laid sod.
6. **Agencies consulted during preparation of the environmental assessment:**  
None

**PART II. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

1. Environmental Impact Checklist:

**PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT**

**Soils/Geologic Features:**

Degradation of soil quality or alteration of soil stability, moisture content, geologic substructure, unique geologic features, archeological sites?

No

**Erosion:**

Alteration of erosion or siltation patterns which modify stream beds or lake shores?

No

**Vegetation/Noxious weeds:**

Change in or adverse affect on diversity and production of local plant species including any unique or endangered species (including trees, shrubs, grass, and aquatic plants)? Establishment or spread of noxious weeds?

No

**Air:**

Deterioration of air quality, or adverse effects on vegetation due to increased air pollutants.

No

**Water:**

Alteration of surface water or groundwater quality including but not limited to temperature, dissolved oxygen or turbidity or quantity or distribution?

No

**Floodplain:**

Changes in drainage patterns, course or magnitude of flood flows, or exposure of people/property to hazards (flood)?

No

**Wildlife Habitat/Migration:**

Deterioration of critical fish or wildlife habitat? Creation of a barrier to the migration or movement of fish or wildlife?

No

**Endangered Species:**

Adverse effects on any unique or endangered species?

No

<b>HUMAN ENVIRONMENT</b>
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**Existing Land Use:**

Alteration of or interference with the productivity or profitability of the existing land use of an area?

No

**Historical Significance:**

Destruction or alteration of a natural area of scientific or educational value or prehistoric or paleontological importance?

No

**Populace:**

Alteration of the location, distribution, density, or growth rate of the human population of an area? Alteration of social structure of community?

No

**Transportation:**

Increased traffic hazards or effects on existing transportation facilities or patterns of movement of people and goods?

No

**Safety:**

Creation of any health hazard or affect on existing emergency response or evacuation plans?

No

**Public Services:**

Have an effect upon or result in a need for new or altered governmental services in any of the following areas: fire or police protection, schools, parks/recreational facilities, roads or other public maintenance, water supply,

sewer or septic systems, solid waste disposal, health, or other governmental services? Have an effect upon local or state tax base?

No

**Utilities:**

Creates need for new or altered facilities for any of the following utilities: electric power, natural gas, other fuel supply or distribution systems, or communications?

No

**Aesthetics:**

Alteration of any scenic vista or recreation opportunity or creation of an aesthetically offensive site to the public?

No

**Other:**

No

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**2. Secondary and cumulative impacts:**

None

**3. Reasonable alternatives to the proposed action, including the no action alternative:**

This is a Super Fund Cleanup Site and there are no alternatives.

**PART III. CONCLUSION**

Based on the significance criteria evaluated in this EA, is an EIS required? No

If an EIS is not required, explain why the EA is the appropriate level of analysis for this proposed action:

This is a Deer Lodge Valley Irrigated Lands Time Critical Removal Action site. Irrigation of the newly placed sod will provide better protection of human health. Vegetation is an important component of ensuring long term public safety and site aesthetics. This is especially true in this residential setting. The use of the water for dust control will prevent local residents and workers from excessive exposure to potentially contaminated dust. The use of this water is temporary and the permit will expire on 12/31/1999.

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