



## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT TOOL BOX**

### **Have a say in the Cleanup Plan for the Upper Basin**

Here are some ways to get information about the Proposed Cleanup Plan:



#### **Review the Proposed Plan and Related Documents:**

Visit local libraries noted below or view the webpage at <http://go.usa.gov/igD> or <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/cleanup.nsf/sites/bh+rod+amendment>



#### **Attend the August 4, 2010, Open House and Public Meeting:**

Shoshone Medical Center, Health & Education Center, 858 Commerce Drive, Smelterville, ID 83868. Open House runs 5-6:30 pm---see displays, submit written comments, ask questions. Public Meeting runs 7-8:30 pm---hear a presentation, give oral comments for the record, submit written comments.



#### **Comment on the Proposed Plan:**

The public comment period runs July 12 to August 25, 2010. Send comments to: [cdabasin@epa.gov](mailto:cdabasin@epa.gov) or Coeur d'Alene Basin Team, EPA, 1200 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 900, MS ECL-113, Seattle, WA 98101.



#### **Read the Basin Bulletin:**

EPA publishes the *Basin Bulletin* three times per year. The Bulletin gives updates about cleanup activities and involvement opportunities, and offers contact information. To be added to the mailing list, contact Andrea Lindsay at 206-553-1896, 1-800-424-4372, or [lindsay.andrea@epa.gov](mailto:lindsay.andrea@epa.gov). To see back issues, visit the website at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/cleanup.nsf/sites/cda>



#### **Bookmark the Coeur d'Alene Basin Website:**

The website has general information about the cleanup, fact sheets, data, technical documents, news, and contacts for more information. <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/cleanup.nsf/sites/cda>



#### **Attend Meetings of the Citizens Coordinating Council (CCC):**

This group meets quarterly to explore local issues related to the cleanup. The CCC is part of the Basin Environmental Improvement Project Commission. All members of the public are welcome. Jerry Boyd, Chair, 509-455-6000. [www.basincommission.com/cc.asp](http://www.basincommission.com/cc.asp)



#### **Visit Local Libraries:**

These locations keep material about the cleanup for you to view:  
North Idaho College, Molstead Library, 1000 Garden Avenue, Coeur d'Alene  
Wallace Public Library, 415 River Street, Wallace  
Spokane Public Library, 906 West Main Avenue, Spokane  
St. Maries Library, 822 W. College Avenue, St. Maries  
Also: EPA Field Office, 1910 NW Blvd, Suite 208, Coeur d'Alene



# THE ROAD TO THE ROD AMENDMENT AND BEYOND

(Record of Decision)

## Making Cleanup Decisions with Community Input

EPA wants you to have the information you need about possible cleanup actions so that you can give us input on the cleanup plan for the Upper Basin. We want you to know that EPA is listening to your concerns and that we are seriously considering your comments. Ultimately, we want to make sure that input from people and organizations in the Basin is reflected in the final cleanup decisions.

EPA encourages you to learn more about what cleanup activities are being considered in the Upper Basin. Weigh in with your comments. See the other side of this sheet for how you can participate.

These are the milestones:

### Focused Feasibility Study

Detailed analysis of cleanup options.

### Proposed Plan

Summary of the cleanup alternatives.

- Public comment period runs July 12 through August 25, 2010.
- Open House and Public Meeting take place August 4, 2010.

### EPA Response to Public Comments

EPA considers and responds in writing to public input received during the comment period.

### Record of Decision Amendment

Official decision document describes the selected cleanup alternative. Targeted for late 2010. (The initial Implementation Plan comes out at this time, too.)

### Implementation Plan

This document will be update over time. Communities are encouraged to be involved because this is when more details of the cleanup actions are developed. These details — such as construction schedules, truck traffic, land use related issues — could have direct impacts on communities.



# EPA Cleanup Expanding: Learn More and Get Involved



June 2010, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10

The environmental cleanup under way in northern Idaho will soon expand. EPA invites you to learn more about what needs to be done to protect human and ecological health.

**You're Invited: Open House, Public Meeting  
August 4, 2010**

Shoshone Medical Center – Health and Education Center  
858 Commerce Drive, Smelterville, ID 83868

**Open House: 5-6:30 pm** -- Drop in any time, see displays, talk to project reps, ask questions, submit written comments on the Proposed Plan

**Public Meeting: 7-8:30 pm** -- Hear a formal presentation on the Proposed Plan and ROD, present your oral comments on the Proposed Plan for the record

Your community might be affected by EPA's expanded cleanup. Cleanup decisions will be laid out in a document called a **ROD (Record of Decision) Amendment**. The amendment covers the area known as the Upper Basin. It includes areas around the South Fork Coeur d'Alene River and its tributaries downstream to where they combine with the North Fork.

There are high levels of heavy metals like lead and arsenic contaminating the area from historical mining activities. Those metals cause a public health risk. They also harm the environment and wildlife.

**The "ROD" is the document that guides the cleanup of contamination.  
The "Proposed Plan" presents cleanup alternatives.**

This flyer gives you some basic information about the ROD Amendment and the Proposed Plan. The "ROD" is the document that guides the agencies' cleanup of contamination. The "Proposed Plan" is the document that presents the cleanup alternatives. You are invited to comment on this plan [<http://go.usa.gov/igD>].

## **EPA Cleanup to Expand...**

An expanded cleanup will mean a cleaner place to live, work, play, and raise a family.

### **The new ROD will:**

- list more sites in the Upper Basin needing cleanup
- list cleanup actions to protect water quality, public health and wildlife
- use new information about the site and address recommendations from experts with the National Academy of Sciences
- set priorities so the most important cleanups get done first

### **Work to be done includes cleaning up:**

- several hundred mine and mill sites in the Upper Basin
- contaminated water by removing metals through treatment
- contamination in the Upper Basin floodplain
- protection of remedies from tributary flooding and heavy rain or snow

### **Other things to know:**

- EPA is working with the State, Basin Commission and others to develop the revised cleanup plan.
- The cleanup will take longer and cost more than current EPA plans.
- Local cleanup-related jobs will continue to be created and sustained over several decades.
- Residential property cleanups will continue until completed.
- More waste repositories will be needed, but in many cases, wastes at mine and mill sites will be consolidated on site.
- The ROD will also focus on ways to keep cleaned up areas clean, especially in residential neighborhoods.
- Your participation is encouraged. Your comments are important.

**You can comment on the Proposed Plan!  
Comments Due August 25, 2010**

Bring your comments to the meetings noted on page 1 or mail them by August 25 to: Coeur d'Alene Basin Team, EPA, 1200 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite 900, ECL-113, Seattle, WA 98101. Or, email your comments to [cdabasin@epa.gov](mailto:cdabasin@epa.gov)

Find the Proposed Plan starting July 12 at select local libraries or online. Find more information at <http://go.usa.gov/igD>