



Milltown Reservoir Sediments Operable Unit

of the Milltown Reservoir/Clark Fork River Superfund Site

Record of Decision

Appendix B:
Concurrence Letter from the
State of Montana



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 8

10 West 15th Street
Suite 3200
Helena, Montana 59626

December 2004



Montana Department of
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Judy Martz, Governor

P.O. Box 200901 • Helena, MT 59620-0901 • (406) 444-2544 • www.deq.state.mt.us

December 9, 2004

John Wardell, Director
Montana Office
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Federal Office Building
10 West 15th Street, Suite 3200
Helena, MT 59626

Dear Mr. Wardell:

DEQ concurs in the Record of Decision for the Milltown Reservoir Sediments Operable Unit and commends EPA for its constructive approach in recognizing integration of natural resource restoration actions with the remedy. Integration of restoration actions will allow a variety of benefits for all concerned, including cost-savings, enhanced protectiveness, a more natural environment, improved fish passage, and greater recreational opportunities, not only within the operable unit but upstream and downstream as well.

DEQ is the state agency authorized to perform the support agency consultative role under CERCLA and the NCP. The State's performance of restoration actions and certain other consultation functions involves various other state agencies and the Governor, as the natural resource damage trustee under CERCLA. Accomplishing integration of restoration, as well as many of the details involved in the Milltown cleanup, will require additional agreements including these other state participants. We look forward to working with you, the other state and federal agencies involved, and the responsible parties to see that the cleanup plan for Milltown is fully, quickly, and effectively implemented.

Sincerely,

Jan P. Sensibaugh
Director