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EPA to Conduct Sampling

Helena – U. S. EPA is sampling areas in Anaconda and Opportunity in response to a family's medical information that was recently brought to the attention of environmental and health officials in Anaconda.

Currently available data does not indicate an environmental exposure. Anaconda-Deer Lodge County officials working closely with EPA and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry are compiling any available medical, health and environmental information to confirm that there is not a problem.

Dr. Dana Headapohl, an Occupational and Environmental Health Medicine Specialist in Missoula has stated that the preliminary analysis is that the blood arsenic levels presented are within normal range. The affected family, temporarily relocated while the issue is studied, has been referred to the Missoula doctor for follow-up.

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