

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Ref: 8MO

August 6, 2009

President Frank Gilmore MT Tech of the U of M 1300 W. Park Street Butte, MT 59701

Re: BP/AR Land Transfer West of MT Tech

Dear President Gilmore:

This letter is a follow up to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and Montana Department of Environmental Quality discussion with MT Tech concerning the BP/AR land transfer west of MT Tech. The Agencies have reviewed the analytical data submitted by MT Tech associated with the lands west of MT Tech and have also reviewed the plans for addressing mine waste associated within this area. The Agencies believe that your remediation plans are consistent with the Butte Priority Soils Operable Unit's Record of Decision and will address Agency's concerns with potential health and environmental issues associated with the properties.

It is the Agencies' understanding that MT Tech may build on part of these lands in the future. The buildings and/or parking lots will act as additional caps to any mine waste that may be present on the properties.

If you have additional questions or concerns as you acquire this property from BP/AR, please call me at (406) 782-7415 or Joe Griffin at (406) 841-5042.

Project Officer

Sincerely,

Sara Weinstock Sparks

Remedial Project Manager

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