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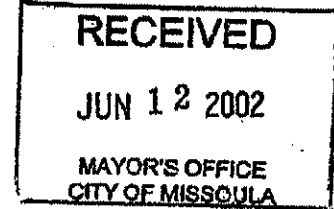
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June 11, 2002

Governor Judy Martz  
Room 204 State Capitol  
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Dear Governor Martz,

The Environmental Quality Council (EQC) approved the following motion at its May 9, 2002 meeting by a vote of 15-1:

"That the EQC send a letter to the Governor recommending that the Missoula White Pine Sash state superfund site property be segregated, and that those properties which meet environmental standards be released for development."

At its December 11, 2001 meeting, the EQC received a thorough presentation from representatives of the Department of Environmental Quality and some of the property owners involved in the Missoula White Pine Sash property on the north side of Missoula. This former wood products manufacturing facility is the site of an ongoing soil and groundwater investigation due to leaks and spills of petroleum products and wood treating chemicals. The former owner of the facility has taken full responsibility for the remediation of the property. The state Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Fund has reimbursed the owner approximately \$475,000 in cleanup costs for this site. Groundwater has been contaminated and additional work is needed on portions of the facility.

The property has been split into several parcels which were sold to various owners including the city of Missoula. All parties agree that some portions of the former site are more contaminated than others and some owners argue that the development of their less contaminated parcels should be able to proceed. This has not been possible for a variety of reasons.


With its vote in May, the EQC is recommending that the state separate the facility into the component parcels by ownership, determine what is necessary for each parcel to

meet state environmental remediation standards, and to allow the development of those parcels that meet those standards. The EQC would appreciate the assistance of your office in expediting the development of this property without compromising legitimate environmental concerns and standards.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,

  
Senator Bea McCarthy, chair

  
Rep. Doug Mood, vice chair

cc: Jan Sensibaugh, director DEQ  
Mayor Michael Kadas, City of Missoula  
Mike Stevenson, Scott Street Partnership

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