

CFAC Community Liaison Panel

As a tool for communicating with the local and regional community residents and leaders, CFAC has organized a community group that will be meeting on a regular basis. The CFAC Community Liaison Panel (CLP) is intended to provide a forum for the discussion and exchange of ideas and opinions about the project.

“The panel gives us a direct link to the community,” said Steve Wright, Environmental Manager. “CFAC understands the community is very interested in the plans for the project. The panel will be one tool to help share and gather information as we move forward.”

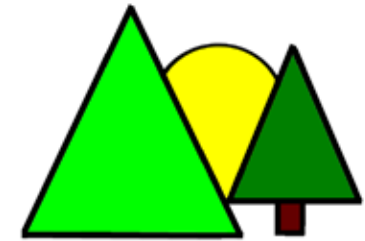
Members represent various interests and serve as a cross-section of the Columbia Falls and Flathead County community. Those serving include neighbors; business leaders; health care; education; religion; environmental advocates; and local, state and federal elected officials. Company representatives participate for both CFAC and Glencore.

During the organizational meeting in May, members were asked to commit to the meetings and to attend regularly. Each was encouraged to share information outside of the meetings and to bring community input to the discussions.

The next meeting of the group is Thursday, September 10, at the North Valley Hospital Teakettle Room, 235 Nucleus Avenue, Columbia Falls. The evening begins with dinner at 5:30 p.m. The meeting portion begins at 6 p.m. Guests are welcome but encouraged to contact the facilitator, Mary Green, at **1-800-784-4343** to help with planning purposes.



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Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) – This document, a binding legal agreement to perform the work, provides the statement of work and the process to be followed to address the conditions at the site. The AOC provides regulatory oversight and agency review; it also ensures the potential for penalties if obligations are not met. At this time, CFAC and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are engaged in discussions regarding the AOC.

Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Work Plan

The overall objective of the RI/FS is to gather information necessary to evaluate the impact of the site on human health and the environment and to evaluate potential alternatives to address those impacts. Some of the things Roux will evaluate include the identification of chemicals of potential concern and the nature and extent of those chemicals within groundwater, soil, surface water and sediment. This data will provide the foundation to conduct a baseline risk assessment and ultimately evaluate remedial alternatives.

The timeline presented in the RI/FS Work Plan is outlined in this brochure. The Work Plan, including the timeline, are being discussed with the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and could change depending on the outcome of those discussions.

Timeline for completion:

RI/FS Work Plan Finalization.....	4th Qtr. 2015
Phase I Site Characterization	
Field Program.....	4th Qtr. 2016
Phase I Summary Report & Phase II Sampling and Analysis Plan.....	1st Qtr. 2017
Baseline Risk Assessment	
Work Plan.....	2nd Qtr. 2017
Phase II Site Characterization	
Field Program.....	4th Qtr. 2017
Baseline Risk Assessment &	
Final RI Report.....	3rd Qtr. 2018
FS Work Plan.....	1st Qtr. 2019
Feasibility Study.....	4th Qtr. 2019

This is Roux's best estimate pending approval of the AOC.

Decommissioning and Removal

Work continues at the site by Calbag Resources; structures are expected to start coming down in late summer. Since beginning work in late spring, the contractor has been cleaning structures and preparing the site for demolition. Scrap steel has been sent off by rail for recycling and asbestos abatement work continues by the licensed contractors. The AOC with Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) covering removal and disposal of potliner from the potline buildings was signed as of June 10, 2015.

Calbag completed a three-day auction in late July. Items from the lab, metal shop, fabrication and rolling stock were among the items included. Donations of items also have been made to the Columbia Falls Historical Society, the City of Columbia Falls, Flathead Valley Community College, and Columbia Falls High School.

Timeline for decommission and removal:

Demolition & wrecking beginsSept. 2015
Demolition & wrecking completed....Sept. 2017
Asbestos abatement completed.....Sept. 2017
Removal of potliner from the 451 cathodes that remain at the plant as reported to regulatory agencies.

Project Background

CFAC announced the permanent closure of the Columbia Falls aluminum reduction facility March 3, 2015. CFAC retained Calbag Resources to decommission the facility and salvage materials from the site. Calbag's activities began in early May 2015 and are expected to take two to three years to complete. CFAC also retained Roux Associates, Inc. to prepare a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility (RI/FS) Work Plan, the road map to investigate site conditions and determine next steps for the project. Roux prepared the draft RI/FS Work Plan, which is being reviewed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. A copy of the draft RI/FS Work Plan is available at the Columbia Falls branch of the Flathead County Library. The draft plan also is available online at <http://www.rouxinc.com/cfac-draft-ri-fs-work-plan-available-for-public-comment/>.

CFAC and its team are committed to answering your questions. For more information about the project or the community panel, contact Mary Green at 1-877-384-7036.

