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Subj: Columbia Falls Aluminum Company Superfund Site

The Flathead County Board of Commissioners is urging the EPA to postpone its final determination on the cleanup of the Columbia Falls Aluminum Superfund site until a comprehensive evaluation is conducted. This evaluation must thoroughly assess the potential impacts on the pristine waters of the Flathead River, Lakes, and the Columbia River headwaters that could result from the retention of a million cubic yards of hazardous waste on-site. Additionally, it should entail a thorough cost analysis comparing the removal of waste versus capping and lining in place, with a focus on the implications for the next century and beyond.

Given the proximity of this project to the vibrant and expanding community of Columbia Falls, Montana, the EPA should also actively seek public input from residents regarding the potential impact on adjacent neighborhoods and the future growth prospects of Columbia Falls.

Please include these comments in the Administrative Record for the Superfund Site.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FLATHEAD COUNTY, MONTANA

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Randy L. Brodehl, Chairman

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Pamela J. Holmquist, Member

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Brad W. Abell, Member