




UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Planned Corrective Actions for Office of Inspector General Report No. 20-N-0030, *Management Alert: Unapproved Use of Slag at Anaconda Co. Smelter Superfund Site*, November 18, 2019

FROM: Sean O'Donnell 

TO: Gregory Sopkin, Regional Administrator
EPA Region 8

Thank you for your memorandum of December 13, 2019, in response to the subject report. In subsequent emails, the Region 8 Remedial Project Manager for the Anaconda Co. Smelter Superfund site notified us of another known source of slag sales: the gift shop at the Old Works Golf Course in Anaconda, Montana. We are aware that the Region is working to analyze the slag material sold at the golf course and anticipates making a determination on the acceptability of its use by the end of March 2020.

Based on the information presented in your December 2019 memorandum and the subsequent emails, the corrective actions provided in your response adequately address our recommendations. The recommendations are resolved. You should track implementation of EPA corrective actions in the agency's Management Audit Tracking System until all actions are completed.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Kevin Christensen, Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation, at (202) 566-1007 or christensen.kevin@epa.gov; or Tina Lovingood, Director, Land Cleanup and Waste Management Directorate, at (202) 566-2906 or lovingood.tina@epa.gov.

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