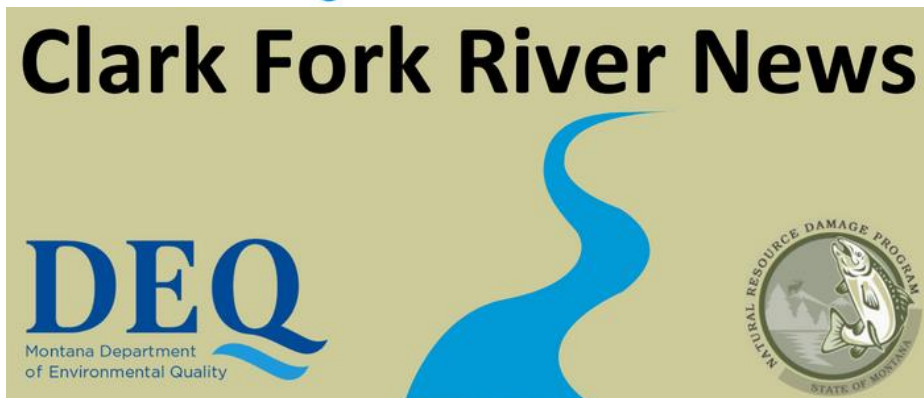




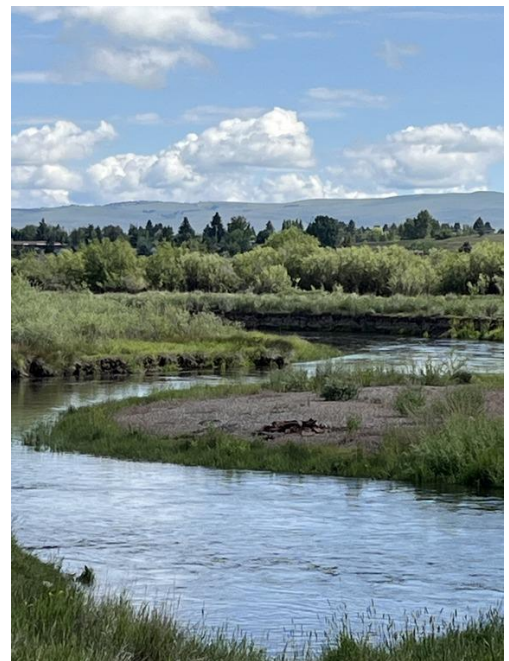
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DEQ, EPA finalize lower clean-up threshold for Arrowstone Park

Montana's Department of Environmental Quality and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have worked together to address community concerns over public safety at Arrowstone Park. DEQ and EPA have determined that the residential cleanup level (action level) of 150 parts per million (ppm) of arsenic established in the Record of Decision is appropriate to apply to Arrowstone Park based on the high levels of community recreational use.

Public use of Arrowstone Park has grown significantly over the years since the park's construction in the late '90s. As a result, the current usage exceeds the original clean-up level of 680 parts per million (ppm) of arsenic initially estimated in the Human Health Risk Assessment.

Because of Arrowstone Park's increased use, DEQ, in coordination with EPA, will now apply the Record of Decision identified residential clean-up level of 150 ppm arsenic for Arrowstone Park's remediation. This decision will result in a cleaner park for the community. EPA highlighted the cleanup level at Arrowstone Park as one of the action items in the latest Five-Year Review and the agencies are pleased to take additional action for this community resource.



Arrowstone Park upcoming remedial design schedule

Remedial design for Arrowstone Park has resumed following additional sampling to fill design data gaps, and DEQ anticipates construction for this next phase commencing June 2027.

The remedial design process generally follows the steps outlined below:

- DEQ prepares the Preliminary Design Plan (PDP) (*current phase*)

- EPA reviews the PDP
- DEQ updates the PDP with EPA's comments and sends to the Design Review Team (composed of supporting public agencies and non-profit organizations) for review and comment
- DEQ updates the draft bid package (aka draft Remedial Action Workplan) with the Design Review Team comments
- EPA reviews draft bid package
- DEQ develops final bid package (final Remedial Action Workplan) incorporating EPA comments
- EPA provides approval of final bid package
- DEQ Procurement puts final bid package out for solicitation



DEQ will coordinate with landowners, including Powell County, throughout this process.

Public Participation Opportunities

Members of the public are encouraged to reach out to Powell County Parks and Trails Board with suggestions for Arrowstone Park's redevelopment.

The Clark Fork River Technical Assistance Committee is an EPA grant-funded nonprofit intended to provide technical assistance to the community regarding the Superfund cleanup of the Clark Fork River. The committee can help people meaningfully and effectively participate in Superfund remediation, restoration and redevelopment of the Clark Fork River and its affected communities.



DEQ and EPA are planning a public meeting in Deer Lodge to present the preliminary design planned for this fall. Stay tuned for more information regarding upcoming public meetings and any major updates.

The agencies also intend to conduct additional outreach as construction commencement approaches to inform the community of when the park will be closed, what haul routes will be used, and provide updates on upcoming activities.

Those with more questions or concerns can also reach out to DEQ's Public Information Officer Nolan Lister by email at nolan.lister@mt.gov or by phone at (406) 444-6469.