COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION PLAN
ANACONDA COPPER MINE SITE

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INTRODUCTION

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection’s (NDEP) Community Involvement and Participation Plan (CIPP) for the Anaconda Copper Mine Site (Site) serves as the framework to ensure a successful information exchange with the public, community leaders, elected officials, local landowners, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the federally recognized Yerington Paiute Tribe and Walker River Paiute Tribe (Tribes) with accurate, timely information about site investigations and remedial action/closure activities, as well as other important technical and administrative matters. The CIPP organizes NDEP’s public participation process and efforts to actively engage all parties in the site closure decision-making process.

The goals of the CIPP include:

- Provide opportunities for the public to be actively engaged in a transparent review and decision-making process
- Meet community, BLM, and tribal information needs
- Incorporate community, BLM, and tribal issues and concerns into closure decisions
- Give feedback to the public on how their issues and concerns were incorporated into the closure work

NDEP is committed to achieving these goals through various community relations outreach activities and other tools (outlined in the next section), including published documents, public meetings, updates shared on NDEP’s website, and more. These activities will be based on the community’s needs, as NDEP gathers information from the public, the BLM, and Tribes. The CIPP is a “living document,” meaning that it will be modified as new information and issues develop over the course of the investigations and cleanup of the Site. At this time, NDEP plans to update the CIPP on an annual basis.

Administrative Responsibility

The CIPP was prepared as specified in the National Priorities List (NPL) Deferral Agreement (Deferral Agreement) between the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and NDEP, and the Interim Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent (IAOC) between NDEP and Atlantic Richfield Company (ARC). The Deferral Agreement and IAOC, both executed on February 5, 2018, require NDEP to oversee site investigations, implement a CERCLA-protective remedy, and provide for a successful information exchange between NDEP, ARC, the community, BLM, and Tribes. The CIPP describes the purpose, objectives, and methods proposed to help keep the community, BLM, and Tribes informed of the various project activities, to communicate the progress at the Site, and encourage community involvement. The CIPP was developed with consideration to specific components of the EPA Superfund Community Involvement Handbook, NDEP’s regulations, and the unique needs of the Site and surrounding community.

Site Description and Brief Summary

The Site is located approximately one mile west of the town of Yerington in Lyon County, Nevada. Copper mining and ore processing operations were conducted by Anaconda Copper Company from 1953 to 1978. The Site was mined for oxide and sulfide ores. Some of the on-site features include: a pit lake that resulted from open pit mining, waste rock that resulted from the mining operations, and heap leach pads and ponds that resulted from milling and processing operations. Evaporation ponds and solution collection ditches were also constructed at the Site to manage process solutions. In 1977 ARC purchased the property but ceased mining operations in 1978 due to low copper prices and declining ore grade. In 1989 Arimetco acquired the private property and conducted re-mining using stockpiled ore from on-site materials and new ore from the MacArthur Pit. They constructed and operated five heap leach pads and an electrowinning circuit. Arimetco ceased all operations in 1999 and, in 2000, abandoned the Site without protective closure mechanisms as required by Nevada mining laws and regulations. In 2000 NDEP began
managing the fluid management system associated with the heap leach pads. Currently, the approximately 3,600 acre legacy mine site is generally inactive with the exception of on-going fluid management and maintenance activities and ROD1 construction work being performed by ARC and overseen by NDEP. The Site has mixed-ownership with approximately 50 percent owned by Singatse Peak Services and the other 50 percent is public land managed by the BLM.

The IAOC requires ARC, under NDEP regulatory oversight, to continue interim fluid management and complete construction of a long-term remedy for the former Arimetco portion of the Site. The IAOC also requires ARC to complete a site-wide remedial investigation/feasibility study (including human health and ecological risk assessments) to evaluate remedial action alternatives for long-term cleanup and closure of the entire Site. See Figure 1 for an overview map of the Site.

After completing these evaluations, NDEP and BLM will propose long-term remedies for the remainder of the Site in Proposed Plans for public review and comment. These plans will meet protectiveness criteria for the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (also known as “CERCLA” or “Superfund”). After evaluating public comments and reviewing the final document, NDEP and BLM will co-sign Records of Decision for long-term remedies. Site cleanup construction activities for the Site are currently scheduled to be completed by 2029, with necessary operation, maintenance, and monitoring activities continuing thereafter.

Community Demographics

According to 2017 United States (US) Census estimates, about 54,122 people live in Lyon County. Since 2010, the estimated population grew about 4 percent for the County. The majority, about 80 percent, of people in the county live outside Mason Valley and the Yerington area where the Site is located.

Based on 2017 US Census estimates, approximately 7,685 people live in the Yerington area. The median age of the population is 46 years. The Yerington area has an estimated 3,294 households with an annual median household income of $40,381, which is about $13,000 less than the annual median Nevada household income and about $20,000 less than the annual median US household income. About 7.4 percent of the population over the age of 5 does not speak English “very well”. US Census data from 2016 estimates 20.4 percent of the population is bi-lingual or does not speak English. Spanish is the second most commonly spoken language in the area after English with 18.8 percent of the population speaking it. About 77.1 percent of the people living in the area are a high school graduate or higher with 11.7 percent of the people living in the area having a bachelor’s degree or higher.

The US Census Bureau estimated the 2015 population of the Yerington Paiute Tribe at 601 members. This includes members living on and off tribal lands. The Tribe has an estimated 197 households with an annual mean household income of $36,375. Of these households, none are limited English speaking; however, 11 of those households also speak Spanish and 21 speak another language in the home. About 8.6 percent of the members have a bachelor’s degree or higher and 88.3 percent have graduated from high school.

The US Census Bureau estimated the 2015 population of the Walker River Paiute Tribe at 1,517 members. This includes members living on and off tribal lands. The Tribe has an estimated 646 households with an annual mean household income of $45,985. Of these households, none are limited English speaking. However, 32 of those households also speak Spanish, 53 speak another Indo-European language, and 21 speak another language in the home. About 13.6 percent of the tribal members have a bachelor’s degree or higher and 83.8 percent have graduated from high school.
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This section describes the specific activities and resources NDEP uses to meet the objectives laid out in the previous section and informs the community, BLM, and Tribes to encourage their active engagement throughout the cleanup process. In addition to providing an NDEP representative to answer questions, NDEP employs many tools and techniques to support the community’s involvement in the site investigation and cleanup work. NDEP provides regular website updates, distributes fact sheets, conducts regular public meetings at major milestones, conducts meetings with and provides updates to the Tribes, and maintains an information repository (NDEP Anaconda SharePoint site). NDEP also encourages dialogue with the public by promoting easily accessible points of contact for questions and comments.

Website

NDEP has established a website to provide current information about site investigations, cleanup actions, and related activities. The website currently contains updates on what’s happening at the Site, a brief history of the Site, frequently asked questions, contact information, and a page with the link for NDEP’s SharePoint Site where the public, BLM and Tribes can access site documents. NDEP updates the webpage on a regular basis. If the public’s access to the website is limited due to their browser software application, contact NDEP for support in obtaining the required information. Please visit the website at https://ndep.nv.gov/land/abandoned-mine-lands/anaconda-home.

Public Notices

NDEP posts notices through local and social media platforms regarding public meetings and site documents requiring public comment. In addition, NDEP will send notices to the Tribes’ environmental coordinators or another point of contact for distribution to tribal members through tribal media outlets. Documents that NDEP anticipates will require public review and comment in the future include Proposed Plans that detail closure alternatives for remedies contemplated in specific portions of the Site. NDEP will also produce fact sheets describing recent and upcoming actions and events at specific milestones during the project and will provide a schedule for documents/deliverables from ARC on the NDEP Anaconda SharePoint. For those who are not on the site’s mailing or email list, NDEP will announce community meetings and formal public comment periods on the NDEP website, post an announcement in the local newspaper, and post printed copies at local community boards (US Post Office, Lyon County Offices, Lyon County Library, and City Offices). If there are members of the community that require specific accommodations due to disabilities, please contact NDEP, so we can provide the support necessary to access the required information. If you want to be added to the mailing list, please contact NDEP’s Public Information Officer, Samantha Thompson at sthompson@dcnr.nv.gov.

Public/Community Meetings

NDEP hosts public meetings to share current site information, site investigation/remedial activity updates, answer questions, and respond to specific community issues and concerns. At least one public meeting will be held on an annual basis, but additional public meetings will be scheduled when major milestones and decision points are anticipated. Public meetings will be announced on the website, advertised in the local newspaper, posted on local community boards at public locations, and sent out to the site mailing list. If deemed beneficial, interviews (or online surveys) may be conducted with the public and Tribes to gain insight into the public’s perception of site closure activities. Interviews may be held in conjunction with stakeholder or public meetings or may be arranged on an individual basis.
Community Issues and Concerns
During the evaluation of deferral from June 2017 to January 2018, NDEP conducted numerous roundtable meetings to understand the community’s perspective on deferral, their valid and significant concerns regarding lead regulatory oversight transferring from EPA to NDEP, and other general site cleanup and closure concerns.

Questions, concerns, and community-related issues identified during the roundtable meetings and through other input received by NDEP during the deferral process fell into several categories:

- NDEP’s continuing relationship with EPA, BLM, and the community after deferral
- The Tribes’ cultural relationship to their land and surrounding resources, cultural monitoring needs, and NDEP’s ability to understand those resources and protect them
- Health concerns related to agricultural crop and water consumption and direct contact with dust and soil
- Soil and aquifer cleanup: methods, timing, adequacy, restoration, and cleanup standards
- Future potential agriculture groundwater pumping and effects on plume
- The need for local jobs, job training, and tribal employment opportunities
- How remedy decisions will be made and how the community can provide input
- Future uses of the Site
- Risk assessment findings
- On- and off-site evidence of contamination from mining operations
- Technical funding assistance needs
- Timeframes for draft document review and comments
- How comments will be addressed
- How data will be made available to the public
- Long-term remedy operations and maintenance responsibility for the Nevada government
- NDEP’s resources and ability to require a CERCLA-protective cleanup

Community Events and Outreach
NDEP will host public meetings each year to update the community on project progress as discussed in the CIPP, based on the amount of work being accomplished in a given year and the number of anticipated milestones and decision points being reached. It has been NDEP’s experience over the last several years that attendance at these public meetings is not necessarily representative of the community. In addition to scheduled public meetings, NDEP believes it will be necessary to reach out at public community group meetings and attend and present to the Yerington City Council and Lyon County Commissioners at times when major milestones are approaching for the project or significant remedy decisions are under consideration. NDEP will also be reaching out to a number of local philanthropic and other community groups including, but not limited to, the Yerington Rotary Club, Lyons Club, Soroptimist International, Yerington Chamber of Commerce, and the Lyon County Farm Bureau to schedule meetings to provide the community with information regarding recent and current site activities and anticipated milestones.

Focused Community Topics of Interest (2019/2020)
Activities and information related to investigation and cleanup of the Site are extensive. While making all of this information available, NDEP understands community members have limited time. NDEP would like to provide more easily understandable information on topics of particular interest. After reviewing the areas of concern for the community and surveying work planned over the next year, NDEP developed this “Focused Community Topics of Interest” section. NDEP will update this section annually to account for other future topics of interest. NDEP has reviewed the amount of anticipated work to be completed
through approximately June 2020 and has highlighted specific topics below that could be of interest to the community. NDEP anticipates conducting additional outreach on these topics prior to making decisions.

- **OU-1 (Groundwater) Remedial Investigation (RI)**
  - Part of any groundwater investigation includes an analysis and evaluation of the groundwater contaminant boundary to determine if it is relatively stationary, moving, or fluctuating with seasonal effects. The Groundwater RI work and report also evaluates all known source contributions, and discusses the relative uncertainty associated with various contributions. Two standalone technical memorandums (TM)s provide supporting evidence for the conclusions made in the RI Report: one that evaluates and discusses relative groundwater contaminant plume stability (finalized in July 2019), and the other that evaluates and discusses a geothermal (natural) source of groundwater contamination (finalized in October 2019). Both of these TM s are included as appendices to the Draft Groundwater RI Report, also submitted in October 2019. The NDEP held public meetings in the fall of 2018 and summer of 2019 to discuss the information provided in the plume stability TM, and related decision strategies for groundwater monitoring optimization and the bottled water program. NDEP will hold another public meeting in November 2019 that will focus on the future of the bottled water program, including decisions that result from a thorough review and evaluation of the Draft Groundwater RI Report and related documents.

- **Groundwater Monitoring and Bottled Water Delivery**
  - The amount of groundwater monitoring necessary within and down-gradient of the mine property is also evaluated at specific points in an investigation. The project area currently has over 350 wells monitoring groundwater on and off the mine property. The data collected from these wells was necessary to determine the nature and extent of the plume and other aquifer characteristics during the groundwater investigation phase of the project. Now that the groundwater investigation phase of the project is being finalized, the number of wells needed to monitor the plume can be reduced. A reduction in the amount of wells will still allow for sufficient monitoring of plume dynamics, support future groundwater decisions and be protective of human health and the environment.

  Bottled water delivery to specific homes with domestic wells north of the Site has been provided for approximately 15 years, while the groundwater investigation has been conducted. Bottled water delivery was initiated as a protective measure, prior to understanding the plume boundaries, the contaminants of concern in groundwater, natural background concentrations of each contaminant, and the potential exposure risk associated with the contaminants of concern. The bottled water service may begin to be phased out at the end of 2019 as long as specific criteria developed by NDEP for bottled water cessation is met.

  NDEP developed a fact sheet that provides information on future decisions being considered for the bottled water program. NDEP views this decision to be a major milestone and decision point associated with the site cleanup. NDEP scheduled a public meeting in June 2019 to discuss the preliminary criteria for the cessation of bottled water. An additional public meeting is scheduled for November 2019 to summarize the updated information and analysis and review the future of the bottled water program. NDEP will continue to update the community on decisions related to phasing out the bottled water program.

- **Heap Leach Pad Closure and Fluid Management System**
- The Record of Decision (ROD) for capping and closing the former Arimetco heap leach pads was completed and signed in 2017. A final design for this work is being developed and a work plan outlining the remedial design and remedial action was submitted to NDEP, the BLM and Tribes in May 2018. ARC is completing site investigations necessary to finalize the remedial design and plans to provide a draft Remedial Design report in the fourth quarter 2019. Construction for closing the heap leach pads is anticipated to start during the second quarter of 2020. Construction of the new fluid management system (FMS) ponds began in the third quarter of 2019. FMS pond construction is anticipated to conclude in the first quarter of 2020.

- **Groundwater Interim Actions**
  - After a review of the information on the groundwater contaminant plume included in the Draft Remediation Investigation Report, NDEP will make a determination on whether interim actions to address potential migration of the plume are necessary. NDEP’s enforceable agreement with ARC contains a provision to support groundwater interim actions, if necessary. Interim actions would become necessary if the plume started migrating into areas that posed an unacceptable risk to human health and the environment. NDEP will evaluate the conclusions and evidence in the Draft RI Report and related documents, review and discuss comments provided by the BLM and Tribes, and make a determination on the need for groundwater interim actions.

In addition to these current focused topics, the CIPP provides a major deliverable schedule on page 10 for documents that require a 45-day review by the BLM and the Tribes. Some of these documents could support decisions that may be of specific interest to the community; therefore, additional outreach in the form of fact sheets and public meetings may be necessary as discussed throughout this CIPP.

**Tribal Communication and Outreach**

An important aspect of the Site cleanup and closure is NDEP’s continued communication and outreach with the Yerington Paiute Tribe (YPT) and the Walker River Paiute Tribe (WRPT) for response activities. The deferral agreement states that response actions on tribal land are not subject to the deferral agreement; therefore, NDEP has regulatory oversight for response activities completed outside the reservations. It is important for NDEP to maintain effective ways to provide timely information to the Tribes as future investigation, cleanup, and closure progresses at the Site. It is equally important that the Tribes have a transparent method of providing input to NDEP during the investigation, cleanup, and closure process. The EPA Region 9 has developed a document for tribal consultation procedures entitled *EPA Region 9 Approach to Consultation with Tribal Governments Regarding Non-Enforcement Related Matters*. Because the document specifically pertains to the federal government’s legal relationship with tribes, NDEP cannot formally adopt this document. It is our intention to adopt, whenever possible, the same practices and level of involvement and communication with the Tribes and mirror the coordination and consultation process contained in the document. During the 2019 Nevada Legislative Session, Assembly Bill 264 (AB 264) was proposed and approved, which made various changes relating to relations between state agencies and Indian nations or tribes. As State programs develop in support of AB 264, NDEP will be aligning its outreach with the Tribes accordingly.

Each Tribe exercises inherent sovereign authority and has a responsibility to provide for and protect the health, safety, and welfare of its Tribal members. Each Tribe has specific concerns about the impacts to the environment as a result of historical operations associated with the Site and how the impacts potentially affect their people, reservations, and cultural and natural resources. Each Tribe maintains an environmental office to address potential impacts to its land and people from contaminant sources and to develop environmental awareness within its own structure.
NDEP coordinates regularly with each Tribe’s environmental department and will consult with each Tribal Council when necessary. Coordination is anticipated when minor and major project milestones are approaching and decisions related to response activities at the Site outside the reservations are being contemplated. NDEP provides for regular opportunities to communicate by phone, email, and coordination meetings with Tribal staff to review the status of response activities at the Site, technical reviews, and to discuss response activities planned or scheduled in the future.

The Yerington Paiute Tribe, the State Historic Preservation Office and NDEP recently collaborated on and finalized a Cultural Resource Monitoring and Management Protocol document for field activities on private land to ensure an appropriate level of consideration for cultural resources and historic properties when waste rock and native soil will be disturbed.

**Tribal Funding and Technical Assistance**

NDEP acknowledges that each Tribe’s engagement on post-deferral site response activities outside the reservation is dependent on each Tribe receiving sufficient funding for its involvement, including each Tribe’s retention of professional technical advisers. NDEP will support efforts to fund Tribal governments through State contracting mechanisms at levels that allow the Tribes to acquire technical assistance to interpret information relating to response actions and related decisions performed outside the reservations.

**Community Technical Assistance**

As provided in Section IV(D) of the IAOC, through the CIPP, the affected community can acquire independent technical assistance consistent with 40 C.F.R. Part 35, Subpart M in interpreting information with regard to the nature of the hazards, investigations, studies conducted, and implementation decisions at the Site. NDEP can support the community with technical assistance funding in two separate ways in order to ensure members of the surrounding community are provided with the information they require to track the completion of investigation, cleanup, and closure work associated with the Site. Initial technical assistance will be available to interpret information with regard to future remedial design and remedial action associated with the OU-8 ROD and other work contemplated in the IAOC between NDEP and ARC. The first option could include a collaborative procurement process between NDEP and a local community advisory group or local public agencies to procure the services of an independent consultant to provide technical assistance to the local community. NDEP would work with the State Purchasing Division and the local entities to develop a scope of work and request for proposal that could be bid on by consulting firms. The second option could involve the NDEP and a local public agency entering into an Inter-local Agreement (ILA), similar to what may be utilized for Tribal technical assistance support. Using this contracting mechanism would require the public agency to hire its own professional technical advisor. Either option would provide the technical assistance necessary to review specific documents associated with areas of the Site of particular interest to the community, help the community prepare formal comments to draft documents, and explain the technical information in non-technical terms, if necessary.

**Technical Documents**

Technical documents are produced as part of the investigation and cleanup process. These documents may require public, BLM, and Tribal review and comment through specific comment periods that vary depending on whether the document is classified as major or minor:

- Major documents/deliverables (45-day review and comment period) include:
  - Draft Remedial Investigation (RI) Sampling and Analysis Plans,
  - Draft Risk Assessment Work Plans,
  - Draft RI Reports,
Draft Risk Assessment Reports,
Draft Feasibility Study Reports,
Draft Treatability Testing Work Plans,
Draft Treatability Testing Sampling and Analysis Plan,
Draft Remedial Design/Remedial Action Work Plan,
Draft Remedial Design Reports, and
Notice and Completion of Certification Reports

- Minor documents/deliverables (30-day review and comment period) generally include project planning documents, minor work plans and designs, data deliverables, technical evaluations, and construction reports.

- Final documents/deliverables generally do not require additional public review and comment periods.
**Planned Major Deliverables**

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For a more comprehensive list of documents and due dates please see the Official Schedule which is updated quarterly and posted on the NDEP ACMS SharePoint site.

**Completed Major Deliverables**

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For a more comprehensive list of completed documents, dates submitted, and to be able to download and read the documents, please see the NDEP ACMS SharePoint site.

[https://ndep.nv.gov/land/abandoned-mine-lands/anaconda-home/anaconda-site-docs](https://ndep.nv.gov/land/abandoned-mine-lands/anaconda-home/anaconda-site-docs)
Technical Document Comment Process

NDEP holds public comment periods for certain documents, including this draft CIPP. These comment periods may be announced in several ways, including a notice on the website, in a fact sheet, an announcement at a public meeting, or through the mail and email list.

### Comment Steps

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<td>BLM and the Tribes submit comments to NDEP within the 30-day or 45-day review and comment period. NDEP acknowledges receipt of comments.</td>
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<td>NDEP reviews and evaluates all comments, then prioritizes and organizes the comments in preparation for finalizing.</td>
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<td>Step 3</td>
<td>NDEP invites BLM and the Tribes to participate in a conference call to discuss specific comments to major deliverables.</td>
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<td>NDEP submits collated comments and clear direction to ARC to produce a final document that addresses prioritized and organized NDEP, BLM and the Tribes’ comments.</td>
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<td>Step 5</td>
<td>ARC reviews comments and direction, meets with NDEP for clarification if necessary, and produces a Response To Comment (RTC) table along with the final document. The final document will include the RTC table as an appendix.</td>
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CERCLA Site Closure Process

Box Descriptions:

**Preliminary Assessment/Site Investigation**: During this phase, historical information is reviewed regarding the Site. Site investigations are conducted to evaluate the release of or potential for a release of hazardous substances. The Site is evaluated to determine if it poses a threat to human health or the environment.

**Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study**: In this phase, the Site is evaluated to determine the extent of contamination and to assess the potential threats to human health and the environment. This phase includes evaluation of the potential performance and cost of the cleanup options identified for the Site.

**Proposed Plan**: Community members can comment on the proposed cleanup options for the Site.

**Record of Decision (ROD)**: In this public document, NDEP explains which cleanup and closure remedy alternatives were selected for the Site.

**Remedial Design and Remedial Action**: An engineering design is developed for the preferred cleanup option in support of the selected remedy. Construction of the preferred cleanup option provides a CERCLA-protective remedial action for the Site.

**Closure Completion Certification**: Once NDEP considers remedial actions for the Site (or portion of the Site) complete, NDEP “Certifies” the CERCLA-protective cleanup and submits a Certification and Completion Report to EPA.

**Long-term Monitoring, Operations, and Maintenance**: Post closure monitoring and periodic evaluation of constructed remedy is performed to ensure protection of human health and the environment.

Information Repository, Public Record, and ROD-specific Administrative Records

The information repository exists to provide public access to technical reports, major site documents, fact sheets, and other information developed for the Site. In order to make documents more readily accessible and to meet the State’s paperless initiative, the Anaconda Copper Mine Site information repository is located on the NDEP SharePoint site. All files that were located on the EPA-managed SharePoint have been migrated to the NDEP SharePoint and located in the Public Records Archive section. This information repository is available to the public, the BLM, and Tribes. The NDEP SharePoint is accessible via the NDEP Anaconda- Site Documents webpage ([https://ndep.nv.gov/land/abandoned-mine-lands/anaconda-home/anaconda-site-docs](https://ndep.nv.gov/land/abandoned-mine-lands/anaconda-home/anaconda-site-docs)).

For those without internet access, computers with internet access are available at the following locations that can access the NDEP SharePoint information repository.
**Information Repository Internet/Computer Locations**

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**ROD-specific administrative records**: when NDEP is ready to formally propose a cleanup action, it will compile the documents that were used to develop and analyze the proposed cleanup action and make them available for future access. This collection of technical documents is called the Administrative Record and will be available in the information repository.

**Fact Sheets**
Fact sheets are created to answer specific questions and cover certain topics to support the sharing of information about site investigation and mine closure remediation activities at major milestones. These communications help explain technical information in easy to read, non-technical language to facilitate understanding. As needed fact sheets are posted on the website, sent to the public mailing/email list, and made available at public meetings. They can also be used to summarize larger, technical documents or announce community meetings. NDEP creates additional fact sheets as needed or in response to community requests for specific information on areas of interest.

**Email Group and Mailing List**
A mailing list of interested community members, tribal representatives and members, government officials, state, federal, and news media will be compiled. The list is updated, as needed, to ensure that interested parties are receiving fact sheets and notices of public meetings. In an effort to go paperless, electronic delivery is the preferred method of communication. If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact NDEP Public Information Officer, Samantha Thompson at sthompson@dcnr.nv.gov. NDEP maintains an email list for electronic distribution of reports, meeting notes, and periodic site updates.

**Press Releases**
NDEP provides press releases to local media outlets, including but not limited to the Mason Valley News, Reno Gazette Journal, and online media outlets.

**Site Tours**
NDEP encourages ARC to provide Site tours to interested community groups, as requested. Interested groups should contact Samantha Thompson at sthompson@dcnr.nv.gov.
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DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST AVAILABLE ON THE NDEP WEBSITE

- Detailed Site History
- Site Map and Layout Description
- Closure Management Unit Map and Description
- Schedules for Investigation, Cleanup Document Review and Comments
- Glossary of Terms
- Guide to Submitting Comments
ANACONDA COPPER MINE SITE MAP – CLOSURE MANAGEMENT UNITS (CMU)

Figure 1