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Dear Director Stone-Manning and Director Vranka:

Missoula County and other members of the Frenchtown community have met with representatives of M2Green, owners of the Frenchtown Technology and Industrial Center (FTIC), regarding the proposed National Priorities Listing (NPL) of the former mill site.

M2Green has expressed an interest in working cooperatively with EPA and the State to address contamination at the site through an Administrative Order on Consent. M2Green is also interested in expediting evaluation of portions of the property that have not been impacted by industrial activities. We share the concerns of M2Green, and want to work closely with the owners, the State and EPA to address the site cooperatively. Missoula County's goals include an effective assessment and cleanup of site contamination and potentially freeing up portions of the site for future reuse and development as soon as possible.

We urge the State and EPA to work with potentially responsible parties to address investigation of site contamination through an Administrative Order on Consent. We hope that the investigation phase can be expedited through this process resulting in both environmental clean-up and business redevelopment. We urge the agencies to address non-industrial portions of the property efficiently through this process. The site could be broken up into logical operable units, and some priority should be placed on evaluating the non-industrial, agricultural lands at the site so that they can be available for use without any potential cloud of uncertainty or stigma. It is very important to the property owners, the community, and Missoula County that this investigation phase begin without delay.

We also request that the State and EPA work very cooperatively with any potential purchasers or lessors to address concerns over potential contamination and available tools for obtaining protection from liability.

Thank you for all of your cooperation and assistance on this project, and we look forward to your response to these requests.

Sincerely,
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