



News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: EPA and METG to Hold Virtual Public Meeting about Former ASARCO East Helena Smelter Facility, Dec. 8

East Helena, MT (December 7, 2020) – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Montana Environmental Trust Group (METG), Trustee of the Montana Environmental Custodial Trust, will host a virtual public meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 to update the community on cleanup and redevelopment activities at the former ASARCO East Helena Smelter Facility.

What:

Virtual public meeting to provide updates about the former ASARCO East Helena Smelter Facility

Who:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
The Montana Environmental Trust Group, LLC (METG), Trustee of the Montana Environmental Custodial Trust (the Custodial Trust)

When:

Tuesday, December 8, 2020, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. MT

Where:

Join by phone or online:

- **Phone:** 1-301-715-8592, Meeting ID# 897 632 7748, or
- **Online:** Join via Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/8976327748>

Due to COVID-19 guidance, the meeting will be held virtually on Zoom and by phone.

Please see the [flyer linked here](#) for directions on how to join the meeting by phone, computer, or other device.

About the Montana Environmental Trust Group

The Montana Environmental Trust Group, LLC (METG) is trustee of the Montana Environmental Custodial Trust (the Custodial Trust), which was established in 2009 as part of the global settlement of the ASARCO bankruptcy.

Visit the METG website – www.mtenvironmentaltrust.org

METG, as trustee of the Custodial Trust, has responsibility for owning, administering and remediating two federal and two state hazardous waste sites in Montana: the 2,000-acre East Helena Superfund Site as well as hundreds of mine-scarred acres at the Upper Blackfoot Mining Complex/Mike Horse Mine, the Black Pine Mine and the Iron Mountain/Flat Creek mining area. The Custodial Trust received \$138 million to remediate and facilitate reuse of the four sites. The Custodial Trust has been managing remedial actions that have included construction of a sustainable cover system—the largest of its type in the country—and excavation of tons of contaminated material, as well as relocation of Prickly Pear Creek.

The Custodial Trust's primary role is to protect human health and the environment in partnership with its beneficiaries—the United States, acting through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the State of Montana, acting through the Montana Department of Environmental Quality—and with community stakeholders.

[Greenfield Environmental Trust Group, Inc.](#) is the parent company of METG.

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