

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION VIII

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## MEMORANDUM

TO:

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Source Receptor Analysis Branch (MD-14)

FROM:

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Air Programs Branch

SUBJECT: Revised ASARCO, East Helena Modeling Protocol

Enclosed is a copy of the March 11, 1991 "Revised Modeling Protocol" for the East Helena Lead SIP. As with the previous versions of this protocol, we would appreciate your review and comments. For your reference, I am also enclosing our February 13, 1991 comments to the State on the last version of the protocol (dated December 4, 1990).

Although the initial dispersion modeling for the Lead SIP is already underway, we believe it is still necessary to review this latest version of the protocol to identify any remaining issues. The State was notified in our letter of February 13, 1991 that dispersion modeling which does not incorporate our previous comments and changes will likely be considered invalid for the East Helena Lead SIP; therefore, in light of our admonition, we hope that any remaining issues with this protocol are minor.

As with the last version of the protocol, we will first prepare our comments for your review, and then would appreciate receiving your response as soon as possible. It is our understanding that the State and ASARCO are still planning to meet with us in April to discuss the results of the initial modeling and reconciliation effort. If at all possible, we would appreciate your and/or Dean Wilson's attendance at this meeting. We will contact you with possible dates when we have an indication that the State and ASARCO are prepared to discuss the modeling results.

Please feel free to contact Mindy Mohr at FTS 330-7539 with any questions or comments.

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