

January 15, 2025 EPA Response to Comment Received, Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Removal Action, VR CPC Holdings, Inc., Respondent

On October 18, 2024, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and VR CPC Holdings, Inc. (Respondent) entered an administrative settlement agreement and order on consent for removal action (ASAOC), whereby Respondent would perform work and pay \$230,000 in past response costs associated with the Uintah Mining District Site (Uintah Site) in Park City, Utah.

On November 26, 2024, EPA published notice of the ASAOC in the Federal Register and opened a 30 day public comment period on the ASAOC.

EPA received one comment on the ASAOC, submitted on behalf of Park City, Utah. The comment requested that the agreement be amended to bar Respondent from pursuing Park City for potential CERCLA contribution costs.

EPA carefully considered the comment and does not find it appropriate to amend the ASAOC as requested. While one previous consent decree related to the Uintah Site included contribution protection for Park City, the two settlements are distinguishable. Notably, the consent decree also addressed liability at the Richardson Flat Tailings Superfund Site, another nearby site where EPA has documented Park City's liability and Park City is subject to a separate CERCLA agreement. Park City is not subject to any existing CERCLA agreements at the Uintah Site. To EPA's knowledge, Park City does not have ownership interests in areas where Respondent will do work under the ASAOC. EPA does not find that the comment received discloses facts or considerations that indicate that the ASAOC is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. Park City is welcome to contact EPA Region 8 directly if it wishes to discuss a settlement related to the Uintah Site.