

OLD HOLY ROSARY HOSPITAL MILES CITY

Site Summary
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The Old Holy Rosary Hospital Asbestos Site (Holy Rosary Site) is located at 2101 Clark Street in Miles City, Montana. The land use surrounding the property is commercial to the north and residential on all other sides. Three buildings are included in the Holy Rosary Site, and asbestos inside the buildings is the primary contaminant of concern. Asbestos was used in building materials when the buildings were built. Lead-based paint was also used in these buildings. The property was sold in 1997 and the new owners conducted an illegal asbestos abatement. The owners salvaged copper pipe in one of the buildings. DEQ's Enforcement Division issued an order, requiring the owners to properly dispose of the bagged asbestos material, post asbestos abatement signs and keep the building secured. In addition, from the time the buildings were abandoned, DEQ's Enforcement Division has received several complaints about vandalism in the buildings. Vandalism, weather, and neglect have contributed to asbestos strewn throughout the buildings. DEQ conducted Phase I and Phase II assessments on the buildings to determine cleanup alternatives and costs. Currently, the Miles City Housing Authority plans to obtain the property and buildings and renovate the two 1910 buildings into family sized units for low to moderate income families. The 1950 structure will be demolished once the contaminants are removed.