

PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. EPA Region 6 North Railroad Avenue Plume Superfund Site Five Year Review September 2019

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) are conducting the third five-year review of the North Railroad Avenue Plume Superfund Site (Site) in Española, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. The review is required by law under the authority of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) to assure that human health and the environment are being protected by the remedial actions taken at the Site.

The Site consists of an approximately 58-acre ground water contamination plume containing chlorinated solvents at concentrations greater than EPA drinking water standards. The presence of chlorinated solvents in ground water at the Site is a result of past releases from former dry-cleaning operations. The contamination plume extends approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile south of the source on N. Railroad Avenue and to a depth of 260 feet. Construction of the Site remedy began in 2005 with full operation of the ground water treatment system beginning in 2008. The Site remedy consists of enhanced in-situ bioremediation treatment which includes the injection of a non-toxic vegetable oil amendment into the ground water at the source area, the midpoint of the plume along U.S. Highway 84/285, and in the deep zone aquifer near the Plaza de Española.

The review will summarize the past five years of remedial activities and evaluate if the remedy continues to protect public health and the environment. This five-year review is scheduled for completion by June 2020 and the report will be made available to the public at the Site's information repositories:

Española Public Library

313 N. Paseo de Oñate
Española, NM 87532

New Mexico Environment Department

Ground Water Quality Bureau
1190 St. Francis Drive, Suite N2300
Santa Fe, NM 87502-5469

The EPA seeks the public's input for this five-year review.

If you have any questions, issues or concerns regarding the Site, please contact the EPA project manager, Mark Purcell at 214.665.6707 or 1.800.533.3508 (toll free) or by email at purcell.mark@epa.gov. You may also contact the NMED project manager, Angelo Ortellì, at 505.827.2866 or by email at angelo.ortelli@state.nm.us.

Additional information about the North Railroad Avenue Plume Superfund Site is available at the Site repositories or at <http://www.epa.gov/region6/6sf/pdf/files/north-railroad-ave-nm.pdf>.