

PUBLIC NOTICE CIMARRON MINING CORPORATION SITE

U.S. EPA Region 6 Completes Sixth Five-Year Review of Site Remedy August 2023



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6 (EPA) and the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) have completed the sixth five-year review of the remedies completed for the Cimarron Mining Corporation Site (Site), located in Carrizozo, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

The remedy completed for the former Cimarron Mining Corporation mill site (Operable Unit 1) required the removal of cyanide-contaminated ground water through a pulsed-pumping extraction system. The remedy completed for the former Sierra Blanca mill site (Operable Unit 2) required the solidification and stabilization of approximately 870 cubic yards of lead-contaminated soil, sediment, and waste rock piles into two on-site disposal areas followed by capping and revegetation. This Site is no-longer listed on the federal Superfund National Priorities List but still requires operations, maintenance, monitoring and Five-Year Reviews.

The sixth five-year review has determined that the remedy for the site remains protective of human health and the environment. All remedial action objectives have been met for the Site and no issues were identified during the five-year review.

The EPA and NMED will conduct the next five-year review in 2028.

The Sixth Five-Year Review Report will be available to the public on the Internet at www.epa.gov/superfund/cimarron-mining and at the following information repositories:

Carrizozo Municipal Schools Library 800 D. Avenue Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301

New Mexico Environment Department Ground Water Quality Bureau Harold Runnels Building 1190 St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, NM 87502-6110

Information about the Site also is available on the Internet at: www.epa.gov/region6/superfund

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