



**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**CLEVELAND MILL SUPERFUND SITE**  
**U.S. EPA Region 6 Initiates**  
**Fifth Five-Year Review of Site Remedy**  
**September 2021**



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6 (EPA) and the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) are initiating the fifth five-year review of the remedy for the Cleveland Mill Superfund Site located in Grant County, New Mexico, approximately 5.5 miles northeast of Silver City.

The Site was added to the National Priorities List in March 1989 due to the presence of mill tailings that had contaminated soil near the mine site and sediment in the streambed of Little Walnut Creek with metals, including arsenic, beryllium, cadmium, lead, and zinc. The metals had the potential to contaminate nearby surface water and groundwater.

Between 1997 and 1998, the Site underwent a removal action that included excavation of the contaminated tailings and sediment, treatment of the excavated material, disposal of the treated material into an on-Site disposal cell, and construction of erosion control measures to maintain the integrity of the disposal cell. While the Site was deleted from the National Priorities list in July 2001, it continues to be monitored and maintained annually.

A five-year review is conducted after cleanup is complete at a Superfund site. Its purpose is to evaluate the performance of the site remedy and to determine if it remains protective of human health and the environment.

**EPA seeks the public's input for this five-year review. Please contact EPA or NMED to schedule an interview. Interviews will be held in October 2021.**

The Fifth Five-Year Review Report is scheduled for completion in September 2022 and will be available to the public at [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov) and at the following information repositories:

**Silver City Public Library**  
5151 West College Avenue  
Silver City, New Mexico 88061

**New Mexico Environment Department**  
1190 South Saint Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502

Information about the Site is available on the Internet at: <https://www.epa.gov/superfund/cleveland-mill>

For additional information about the Site, or to participate in a five-year review interview, please contact:

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