



PUBLIC NOTICE

THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY BEGINS SECOND FIVE-YEAR REVIEW OF CLEANUP AT THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AREA 2 SUPERFUND SITE

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has begun its second five-year review of cleanup actions at the San Gabriel Valley Area 2 Superfund Site (Site) located in eastern Los Angeles County. A remedy for the site was selected in 1994 and updated in 1999. The remedy is a combined groundwater cleanup and water supply project, providing clean drinking water to residents and businesses in Azusa, Baldwin Park, Irwindale, West Covina, and surrounding communities. It consists of four large water treatment systems: three in Baldwin Park and one in the City of Industry.

THE REVIEW PROCESS

The primary purpose of a five-year review is to determine whether the site remedy remains protective of human health and the environment. EPA generally conducts five year reviews when hazardous substances remain in the groundwater above risk-based levels that prevent unrestricted use and exposure. As part of the review, EPA will be looking at how well the remedy is achieving EPA's cleanup goals, changes in scientific knowledge about site contaminants, changes in exposure pathways, and changes in regulations.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

If you have any concerns about the San Gabriel Valley Area 2 Site, and particularly if you have direct knowledge regarding the operation and maintenance of the remedy, then EPA would like to talk with you. Please contact Wayne Praskins, the EPA Project Manager for the Site. When completed, a copy of the five-year review report will be placed in the information repository and be available on-line at EPA's website.

SITE HISTORY

The Site is one of seven groundwater cleanup projects in the San Gabriel Valley being addressed under EPA's Superfund cleanup program. The Site addresses approximately 10 square miles of contaminated groundwater resulting from current and former industrial facilities in and near Azusa, CA. Beginning in 1979, investigations found solvents commonly used for degreasing and cleaning in groundwater at the Site. Other contaminants, including perchlorate and N-nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA), were discovered in the 1990s. In 1994, the Site cleanup plan called for one or more groundwater extraction and treatment systems to limit further spread of the contaminated groundwater and begin the long-term cleanup process. Four large groundwater pump and treat systems were constructed between 2000 and 2006 with a combined treatment capacity of 37 million gallons per day (mgd). By 2010, more than \$205 million had been spent on the cleanup and over 42,000 pounds of contamination removed from the groundwater. EPA is now overseeing upgrades to some of the water treatment systems and is directing a comprehensive performance evaluation program to make sure the remedy meets cleanup goals.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please visit EPA's website for the San Gabriel Valley, Area 2 Site: www.epa.gov/region09/SanGabrielBaldwinPark. Or visit the information repositories to review the administrative record for the Site.

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