



United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) B.F. Goodrich Superfund Site

INSTALLATION OF GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELLS

EPA contractors will be installing a network of groundwater monitoring wells in Rialto and Colton as part of the agency's efforts to investigate and clean up groundwater pollution.

WHAT:

Drilling and construction of 900-foot deep groundwater monitoring wells

WORK SCHEDULE:

Monday through Friday, typically 7 AM to 5 PM

HOW LONG:

Heavy construction for the next three to four weeks, then more limited activity for another three to four weeks

WHERE:

See Figure 2 for planned locations

WHY:

To provide information EPA needs to clean up groundwater pollution in Rialto and Colton

WHO:

Private contractors working for EPA



Figure 1: *Typical Well Installation*

Sound-reducing blankets will be used to reduce noise, but well-drilling may be noisy at times, and vehicle traffic may need to be rerouted temporarily. We will work to minimize the impact on neighboring residents and businesses.

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BACKGROUND:

The testing and manufacture of flares, solid-fuel rockets, and fireworks starting in the 1950s are believed to have polluted the groundwater in parts of Rialto and Colton. The two main pollutants are perchlorate, a component of flares, rockets, and fireworks, and trichloroethylene, a cleaning solvent. EPA is working with Rialto, Colton, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, and other government agencies to determine the full extent of contamination and clean up the pollution.

Groundwater continues to be an important source of drinking water to residents and businesses in Rialto, Colton, and Fontana. Local water utilities continue to pump water from clean areas, and in locations affected by the pollution have installed water treatment equipment to remove the pollutants.

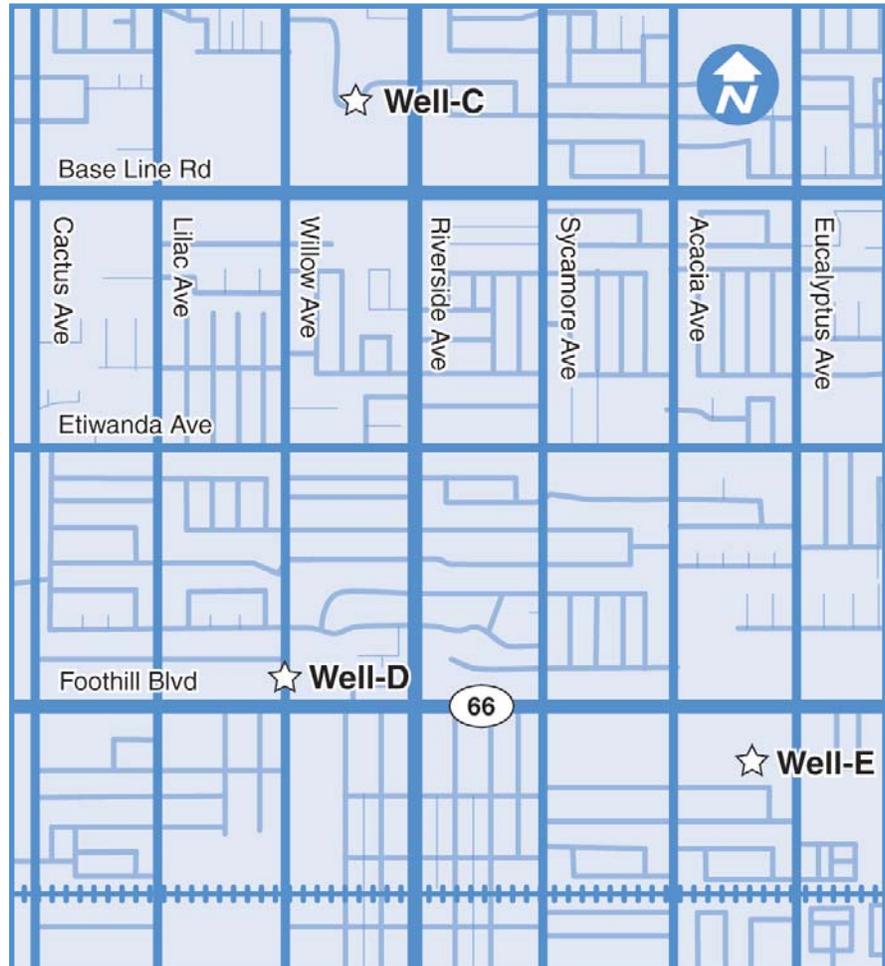


Figure 2: Planned groundwater monitoring well locations

WHAT IS SUPERFUND?

It is the environmental program established in 1980 to investigate and clean up abandoned hazardous waste sites. To accomplish its mission, EPA works closely with communities, Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs), and state and local authorities. For more information on the Superfund Program visit www.epa.gov/superfund

Visit EPA's new website for the BF Goodrich Superfund Site to learn more

