

## **Mountain View Mobile Home Estates 2010 Five Year Review**

Appendix E Site Overview Fact Sheet Announcing Five Year Review, July 2010



# Mountain View Mobile Home Estates Superfund Site



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## Five Year Review Underway

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is conducting a five-year review of the soils cleanup remedy that was completed in 1985 at the former Mountain View Mobile Home Estates Superfund Site in Globe, Arizona. The purpose of the review is to evaluate whether the remedy in place remains protective of human health and the environment.

EPA is requesting public involvement in the review process. See contact information on other side if you would like to relay information to EPA about the site.



Figure 1: Mountain View Mobile Home Estates Superfund Site

### Site Background

The 17-acre Mountain View Mobile Home Estates Superfund site is located on the eastern edge of the City of Globe, Arizona, where Highway 70 meets State Route 77. The property was once the home of the former Metate Asbestos Corporation's chrysotile asbestos mill.

The site was subsequently used as a mobile home park from the period of 1973 until 1979 when asbestos contamination was discovered by local health officials while inspecting the sewage treatment plant for the mobile homes. Asbestos mill tailings had been used as fill material and had then been partially covered with top soil. Small piles of asbestos mill tailings were found near the abandoned mill structures and the adjacent railroad tracks. The air and soils were contaminated with asbestos that posed a potential health risk to the residents of the mobile homes on the site.

### Five-Year Review

When hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants remain at a site, the Superfund law requires that the remedy be reviewed every five years. The Mountain View Mobile Home Estates Superfund site has undergone such reviews three times since the site was cleaned up. The site is now undergoing its fourth five-year review. During the review, EPA studies information about the site, conducts interviews and completes a site inspection. The methods, findings and conclusions of the review are documented in a five-year report and made available to the public at the site's information repository. A summary of the results of this 2010 five-year review will also be published in the Silver Belt newspaper.

In 1980, the State of Arizona provided temporary housing for the 100 to 130 residents while the site was being decontaminated. The old mill buildings were demolished, and topsoil was used to cover the contaminated soil. However, after the residents returned to their homes, wind, water, and public activity soon eroded this soil covering, which again exposed the asbestos tailings.

Therefore, in 1983, EPA selected the following site remedy: permanently relocating the mobile home residents; burying and capping the asbestos contaminated soils at the site; demolishing and burying all the homes and sewage treatment plant on-site; covering the site with a filter fabric; placing clean soil on top of the site; fencing the area; and periodically inspecting and maintaining the site. Permanent relocation of all residents was completed in 1985, and ownership of the purchased property was transferred to the State. The State (Arizona Department of Environmental Quality) through a contractual agreement with EPA is responsible for the long term operations and maintenance (O&M) of the remedy. In the intervening years, ADEQ has been maintaining the site, including conducting periodic inspections to confirm that the buried asbestos remains capped and in place and that the perimeter fencing and signage is in good condition, so the public cannot

access the site. In 1988, the site was deleted from EPA's Superfund list of contaminated sites, the National Priority List (NPL). EPA's initial five-year review was conducted in 1991, followed by a second review in 1999 and a third in 2005. EPA and the State of Arizona determined during each of these prior reviews that the cleanup remedy for the site continues to be protective of public health and the environment and that no further cleanup actions are required.

In 2008, EPA completed a reuse assessment for the site that evaluated the potential for redevelopment taking into consideration the constraints necessary to maintain the integrity of the cap over the buried asbestos. In the future, ADEQ will continue to maintain and monitor the site and the Agencies will continue to conduct five-year reviews as long as hazardous waste remains buried on the property.

## For More Information

Copies of the cleanup decision-making document (Record of Decision or ROD), the three previous Five-year Reviews, and the site's Reuse Assessment are located at the information repositories listed below. For further information or to relay any information that may be valuable for this review, please contact one of the EPA representatives listed below.

### **Globe Public Library**

339 South Broad Street  
Globe, AZ 85501-2607  
(928) 425-6111

### **EPA Superfund Records Center**

95 Hawthorne St.  
San Francisco, CA 94105  
(415) 536-2000

Weblink for EPA Site Overview on Mountain View Mobile Home Estates:  
[www.epa.gov/region09/MountainViewMobileHome](http://www.epa.gov/region09/MountainViewMobileHome)



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