



PUBLIC NOTICE
CLEVELAND MILL SUPERFUND SITE
U.S. EPA Region 6 Initiates
Sixth Five-Year Review of Site Remedy
June 2026



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 and the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) are initiating the sixth five-year review of the remedy for the Cleveland Mill Superfund Site (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 construction completion of the clean-up remedy 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 August 2026.

The Sixth Five-Year Review Report is scheduled for completion in May 2027 and will be available to the public on EPA's website at:

<https://www.epa.gov/superfund/cleveland-mill> 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

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