



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### U.S. EPA Region 6 North Railroad Avenue Plume Superfund Site Five Year Review October 2024



The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) are conducting the fourth five-year review of the North Railroad Avenue Plume Superfund Site (Site) in Española, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. The review is being conducted under the authority of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) to ensure that human health and the environment are protected by the remedial actions taken at the Site.

The Site consists of an approximately 23-acre groundwater contamination plume containing chlorinated solvents at concentrations greater than EPA drinking water standards. The presence of chlorinated solvents in groundwater at the Site is a result of past releases from former dry-cleaning operations. The contamination plume extends approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile south of the source area near N. Railroad Avenue and to a depth of 260 feet. Construction of the Site remedy began in 2005 with full operation of the groundwater treatment system beginning in 2008. Operation and maintenance activities were transferred to NMED in June 2019. The last (third) five-year review was completed in August 2020.

The review will summarize the past five years of remedial activities and evaluate if the remedy continues to protect public health and the environment. This fourth five-year review is scheduled for completion by August 2025 and a Fourth Five-year Review Report will be made

available to the public at the following Site's information repositories:

#### **Española Public Library**

313 N. Paseo de Oñate  
Española, NM 87532

#### **New Mexico Environment Department**

Ground Water Quality Bureau  
1190 St. Francis Drive, Suite N2300  
Santa Fe, NM 87502-5469

The Fourth Five-Year Review Report will also be made available on the EPA website at: <https://www.epa.gov/superfund/north-railroad-avenue-plume>.

The EPA seeks the public's input for this five-year review to document any perceived problems or successes of the ongoing remedy.

If you have any questions, issues, or concerns regarding the Site, please contact the EPA remedial project manager, Mark Purcell at 1-800-533-3508 (toll free) or by email at [purcell.mark@epa.gov](mailto:purcell.mark@epa.gov). You may also contact the NMED project manager, Camille Dwyer, at 505.670.0691 or by email at [camille.dwyer@env.nm.gov](mailto:camille.dwyer@env.nm.gov).

Additional information about the Site is available at the Site repositories or on the EPA webpage.