



PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. EPA Region 6 Prewitt Abandoned Refinery Superfund Site Five Year Review September 2024



The United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 6 (EPA) and the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) are conducting the sixth five-year review of the remedy for the Prewitt Abandoned Refinery in Prewitt, McKinley County, New Mexico. The review is required by law under the authority of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) to assure that human health and the environment are being protected by the cleanup actions taken at the Site.

The Site is a former crude oil refinery located on approximately 70 acres near the town of Prewitt, which is 20 miles northwest of Grants, New Mexico. The refinery operated from 1938 to 1957. In July 1957, the refinery closed, and facility structures were eventually dismantled. The surface soil and underlying shallow ground water were found to be contaminated with hazardous waste mixed with petroleum hydrocarbon products from past refinery related activities.

The EPA deleted the surface portion of the Site from the National Priorities List (NPL) in January 1998 as the surface remedial actions were met. Groundwater remedial actions are ongoing and will be further reviewed for this five-year review.

The review will summarize the past five years of the remedial activities and evaluate if the remedy continues to protect public health and the environment. This five-year review is scheduled for completion by September 2025 and the report will be made available to the public at the Site's information repositories:

New Mexico Environment Department

Ground Water Quality Bureau
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Public input from the Prewitt community is requested for this five-year review. Feedback is requested about any experiences or concerns with performance of groundwater monitoring, quarterly non-aqueous phase liquid (NAPL) recovery, Site maintenance, and institutional controls (activity and use limitations) placed to protect human health and prevent access to contaminated groundwater.

If you have any questions, issues or concerns regarding the Superfund Site, please contact the EPA project manager, Nancy Hanna, Remedial Project Manager, U.S. EPA Region 6, Tel: 214-665-3179 or 1-800-533-3508 (toll free) or by e-mail at hanna.nancy@epa.gov. You may also contact the NMED project manager, Lori Nemeth, at 505-670-1295 or by email at lori.nemeth@env.nm.gov.

Additional information about the Prewitt Abandoned Refinery Superfund site is available at the site repositories or at:

<https://www.epa.gov/superfund/prewitt-abandoned-refinery>