PUBLIC NOTICE
GRIGGS-WALNUT GROUND WATER PLUME SUPERFUND SITE
U.S. EPA Region 6 Initiates Third Five-Year Review of Site Remedy
May 2025

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 (EPA) and the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) are conducting the third five-year review of the remedy for the Griggs-Walnut Ground Water Plume Superfund Site, located in Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

The review is being conducted to ensure that human health and the environment are being protected by the remedial actions taken at the Site. 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.

Due to the presence of tetrachloroethylene (a chemical commonly referred to as PCE) detected in municipal water supply wells, the EPA included the Site on the National Priorities List (NPL) in June 2001. A Record of Decision was signed by EPA on June 19, 2007, which documented the selected remedy for the Site as enhanced groundwater extraction (pumping) with treatment of the collected groundwater to remove the PCE.

The objective of the remedy is to reduce the concentrations of PCE in groundwater to the drinking water standard.

Construction of the treatment system was completed in 2012, and groundwater treatment has been ongoing since May 2012. The remedy utilizes the water production capacity of existing municipal supply wells and infrastructure to deliver treated groundwater into the public water supply. Cleanup activities, including operation and maintenance, deed restrictions, and groundwater quality monitoring are ongoing.

The EPA is seeking public input for the Five-Year Review. A public open house is scheduled for **September 18, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at the Griggs-Walnut Ground Water Plume Superfund remediation site, located at 153 N. Cottonwood St**.** NMED representatives are expected to be present for public interviews during the event.

The Third Five-Year Review Report is scheduled for completion by May 2026 and will be available to the public at www.epa.gov and at the following information repositories:

Thomas Branigan Memorial Library
200 E. Picacho Ave.
Las Cruces, NM 88001

New Mexico Environment Department
Ground Water Quality Bureau
Harold Runnels Building
1190 St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87502-6110

Information about the Site is available on the Internet at: https://www.donaanacounty.org/departments/administration/legal-risk-department/superfund-site and https://www.epa.gov/superfund/griggs-walnut

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