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NORTH RAILROAD AVENUE PLUME

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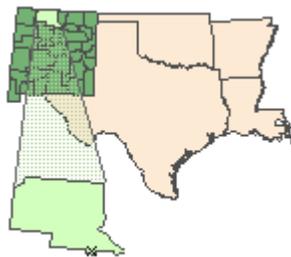
This profile provides you with information on EPA's cleanup progress at this Superfund site. This information includes: [Site Location](#), [Cleanup Progress Summary](#), [Cleanup Impact Summary](#), [Contamination](#), and [Cleanup Progress](#). Please use the links and the "More Details..." box to find more details on this site.

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Site Location



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Site Address: 162 NORTH RAILROAD AVENUE
 ESPANOLA, New Mexico
 87532

County: RIO ARRIBA

U.S. Congressional District: 03

Population within one mile: 1,001-5,000

Cleanup Progress Summary



Construction Complete

Physical cleanup activities have been completed.

[view detailed list of cleanup activities at this site >>](#)

The National Priorities List (NPL) is the list of the most hazardous sites across the U.S. and its territories.

This site is on the NPL and is known as a Final NPL site ([see glossary](#)).

Superfund law requires that EPA give communities information about site progress and plans so that they can be actively involved in site cleanup decisions. [Learn more about community involvement at this site >>](#)

Cleanup Impact Summary

At each site, EPA assesses the risk to humans and the environment and determines the best approach to address the risk. During initial site studies and cleanup, EPA determines if current human exposures to contaminants are under control and takes actions to control any possible human exposures until cleanup has been completed. Once complete, cleanup provides long-term human health and environmental protection at the site.



Current human exposures at this site are under control

[see glossary definition for "Human Exposure Environmental Indicator Measure." >>](#)

At each site with known ground water contamination, EPA documents whether ground water contamination is below protective risk-based levels or, if not, whether the migration of contaminated ground water is stabilized.



[see glossary definition for "Contaminated Ground Water Migration Environmental Indicator Measure." >>](#)

Contamination

Contaminants (i.e., hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants) can be found in several different types of materials on the site including soil and other solid-based media and water or another liquid-based medium ([see glossary](#)).

The contaminants listed via the links below are considered the contaminants of concern ([see glossary](#)) to be addressed by cleanup actions at the site.

Contaminated Media: Groundwater, Liquid Waste, Soil

EPA classifies contaminants found into groups or types (listed below). To view all contaminants of concern at the site click on the "view contaminants of concern at this site" link.

Types of Contaminants: VOC

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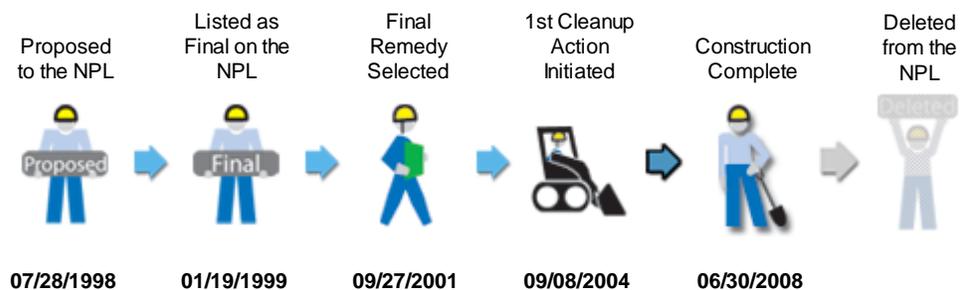
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Cleanup Progress

Major Site Cleanup Milestones

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Cleanup Activities At This Site

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There are many stages of cleanup, including site study, remedy selection, remedy design, remedy construction, and post-construction. Activities undertaken early in the cleanup process focus on understanding problems at the site while those taken later in the cleanup process focus on physically addressing those problems identified.

Many NPL sites are large and complicated. These sites are often broken up into smaller areas to make cleanup easier and more manageable. These areas are called "Operable Units" or OUs ([see glossary](#)).

The chart below shows the different types of activities that are underway or complete at each of the cleanup areas (operable units) at the site. Some activities apply to the entire site; EPA assigns these activities to the site-wide operable unit (designated as OU 0).

Cleanup Areas (Operable Units)	Removal *	Study and Remedy Selection	Remedy Design	Remedy Construction	Post-Construction
OU 1		09/27/2001	02/14/2003		
OU 0					

Complete

Underway

[view activities details >>](#) [view OU details >>](#)
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* At many sites an action, called a "Removal Action" ([see glossary](#)), must be taken to eliminate immediate and near-term threats to human health and the environment. Removal actions do not occur at all sites.

Community Involvement

The goals of the Superfund community involvement (CI) program are to: 1) keep communities affected by sites informed throughout the cleanup process, 2) provide opportunities for communities to comment and offer their input about site cleanup plans, and 3) facilitate the resolution of community issues tied to a site. EPA accomplishes these goals by providing communities different tools and resources to support their site involvement. These resources include independent technical assistance so community members can understand the technical aspects of a site, a public forum for community members to present and discuss their needs and concerns related to the Superfund decision making process, and a job training program to encourage employment of local workers. These are just some of the CI program's resources; to learn more, go to <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/community/>.

To find out more about community involvement activities at this Superfund site and how you can become involved in site cleanup/reuse decisions, [view a list of contacts for this site >>](#).

Land Reuse

EPA places a high priority on land revitalization as an integral part of its Superfund response program mission, so EPA tries to select cleanup options that encourage and support future use of a site. Sites made ready for use are deemed "Site-wide Ready for Anticipated Use" ([see glossary](#)), which means, in part, that all cleanup goals have been achieved for both current and reasonably anticipated future land use.

This site currently does not meet the criteria for Site-wide Ready for Anticipated Use, however parts of the site may be suitable for reuse.

Post-Construction

Post-Construction ([see glossary](#)) is the stage following completion of the remedy construction. It includes, among other things, activities such as operating the remedy to address the contamination (e.g., ground water pump and treat); implementing, monitoring, and enforcing institutional controls; and a review of the implemented remedies at least every five years to ensure they continue to protect human health and the environment.

At some sites, one of the activities performed during post-construction completion is a five-year review ([see glossary](#)), which occurs at least every five years to ensure that the site remains protective of human health and the environment.

Last five-year review at this site: 07/14/2010
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Institutional controls ([see glossary](#)) such as administrative or legal restrictions may also be components of remedies at a site that remain in place post-construction completion.

Sites or portions of sites may be deleted ([see glossary](#)) from the National Priorities List when all cleanup goals have been achieved.

This site has not been deleted from the National Priorities List

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