

Site Updates and Upcoming Public Meeting

The purpose of this fact sheet is to update the public on current activities at and related to the ASARCO Hayden Plant Site and to announce the upcoming public meetings on November 2, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in Hayden. *Please see the box below for more information about the public meetings.*

Remedial Investigation Report Under EPA and ADEQ Review

ASARCO, LLC (ASARCO) has been conducting an environmental investigation of its ASARCO Hayden Plant site under oversight by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). As part of this investigation, from 2013 to 2015 ASARCO collected thousands of soil, groundwater, and surface water samples and developed draft Remedial Investigation Reports that explain the nature and extent of contamination at the site.

EPA and ADEQ have received the draft Remedial Investigation Reports from ASARCO and are currently reviewing the documents.

Upgrades to Smelter Operations Will Reduce Air Contamination

EPA's Enforcement Division entered into a Consent Decree, or settlement, with ASARCO on November 3, 2015 resolving allegations of violations of the Clean Air Act. Under the Consent Decree, ASARCO will take steps to reduce air contamination in Hayden and Winkelman, which will include retrofitting the smelter operations, paving dirt roads, and covering mining waste piles to reduce dust emissions around the towns.

More information about the Consent Decree can be found at EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/asarco-llc-settlement>.

Update on Blood and Urine Test Results

In April 2015, the U.S. Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry (ATSDR) collected blood and urine samples from residents in Hayden and Winkelman. The blood samples were tested for lead and the urine samples for arsenic. After the laboratory tests were completed, ATSDR contacted each community member who was tested and explained their individual test results.

ATSDR is writing a report to summarize the sample results. While individual results are confidential, the report will summarize all results collected. ATSDR expects to complete the summary report by early 2017. The final report will be made available to the general public and to all of the people who provided blood and urine samples.

More information can be found at ATSDR's website at <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/HWAZ>.

Lead Based Paint Abatement Program in Hayden and Winkelman

EPA's November 2015 Consent Decree set aside \$2 million for the Gila County Health Department to conduct a lead-based paint abatement program in Hayden and Winkelman. The funds will be used for lead testing and abatement to eliminate lead-based paint hazards in homes, schools, and other public buildings. These activities are scheduled to begin in 2017. The program will be conducted by Gila County Environmental Health Services with EPA, ATSDR, and the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) providing technical assistance.

You're Invited!

Upcoming Public Meetings: November 2 at 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM in the Hayden Senior Center

EPA will hold two public meetings on November 2 at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the Hayden Senior Center at 520 Velasco Avenue in Hayden. At these meetings, updates will be provided by EPA, ATSDR, and the Gila County Health Department on their current work on and related to the ASARCO Hayden Plant site. Multi-agency representatives will also be available after the meeting to discuss any additional questions or concerns that community members might have.



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