EPA WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU ABOUT THE MOTOROLA 52ND STREET (M52) SUPERFUND CLEANUP

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has started a Five-Year Review of the cleanup plan for the M52 Superfund site. The site is in Phoenix, Ariz. This review will evaluate if the cleanup plan is working as EPA intended.

Federal law requires EPA to review its cleanup plans every five years if:
- a cleanup takes more than five years to complete; or
- hazardous waste is still on-site.

EPA completed the last review in 2016 and found the cleanup plan was working as intended.

What is Included in the Review?

- an inspection of the site and technologies used for the cleanup;
- a review of site data and maintenance records; and
- a review of any new laws or requirements that could affect the cleanup.

EPA Would Like to Hear from You!
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

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Where Can I Learn More?
Visit EPA’s webpage at www.epa.gov/superfund/motorola52ndst for more information. EPA has also set up an information repository (which holds paper copies of key documents and reports used in the cleanup) at:

Superfund Record Center
75 Hawthorne Street, Room 3100
San Francisco, CA 94105
Phone: (415) 947-8717
Email: R9records@epa.gov
Hours: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
Please call for current hours of operation.

EPA will complete the Five-Year Review report no later than September 30, 2021. When complete, EPA will post the review on the site’s website www.epa.gov/superfund/motorola52ndst and send a copy to the site information repository listed above.

Background:
The Motorola 52nd Street Superfund site (M52) in Phoenix, Ariz. is seven miles long and includes a large area of polluted groundwater and soil. From 1956 to 1999, Motorola Semiconductor Products Sector (now called NXP) owned and ran a plant on 52nd Street. There, a leaking storage tank (holding highly
toxic chemicals trichloroethylene and tetrachloroethylene) polluted groundwater and soil. Other nearby companies—including Honeywell, Arizona Public Service, and others—also polluted the site’s groundwater. Since the mid-1980s, these companies and others responsible for cleaning up the site have run treatment systems under EPA and ADEQ oversight to address the site pollution. While much progress has been made to clean up the site, more investigations are ongoing to finish the cleanup.