

Uranium Mine Waste Clean-up in Cove, Arizona

U.S.E.P.A set to clean up uranium mine waste in Cove, AZ in September 2012

In an effort to protect Cove Chapter residents, the U.S. Environmental protection Agency (U.S.E.P.A.) Region 9 is scheduled during September 2012 to clean up residual mine waste from previous uranium mining operations which occurred between 1940s and the 1980s.

Two transfer stations in Cove Chapter still contain some left over uranium containing ore from the stockpiles from when the mines were active. This residual uranium-containing ore is hazardous and can adversely affect human health; Cove residents are advised not to come in contact with it and walking through the transfer stations.

Because of health risks, beginning in September 2012, Region 9 will be removing the contaminated soil from Transfer Station 1 and placing it at Transfer Station 2 where it will be sealed to stabilize the contaminated soil.



After the soil is sealed at Transfer Station 2, a fence will be placed around the entire site with signs warning people to keep out of the fenced area. U.S.E.P.A. will also be conducting constant air quality monitoring during excavation activities to make sure that residents in the immediate area, including the students at Cove Day School, will be safe from any dust coming from the excavation.

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