

THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)  
ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO THE CLEANUP PLAN  
FOR THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY SUPERFUND SITE (AREA 1)  
SOUTH EL MONTE OPERABLE UNIT

On November 10, 2005, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized changes to the cleanup plan for the San Gabriel Valley Superfund Site (Area 1 ) South El Monte Operable Unit (SEMOU) in Los Angeles County, California. The original cleanup plan, known as the South El Monte Operable Unit Interim Record of Decision, was finalized in 2000 and calls for containing contaminated groundwater in the intermediate groundwater zone in the northwest half of the site and treating it to remove the contaminants. If and when significant changes are needed in a Superfund cleanup plan, the EPA informs the community through an Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD).

These proposed changes were developed in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (42 U.S.C. Section 9601 et seq.) and the National Contingency Plan (40 C.F.R. Section 300 et seq.) and are based on the Administrative Record for this site.

The proposed ESD modifies the 2000 Interim ROD by updating the Superfund cleanup plan for the SEMOU in response to the discovery of perchlorate (a chemical used in solid rocket fuel) in the groundwater that will increase the cleanup costs. In addition to perchlorate, groundwater in the SEMOU area is contaminated with perchloroethylene (PCE), trichloroethene (TCE), and other chlorinated solvents.

The ESD and supporting information are available for review by members of the public at EPA's website: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/sfund/superfundsites.html>, (choose the Site Overview link and find the San Gabriel Valley Area 1 Site), and at information repositories for this site:

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