



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Sulphur Bank Mercury Mine Superfund Site  
BIA 120 Mine Waste Removal Action

**Public Comment Period**  
**August 10, 2009 through September 9, 2009**

The EPA requests public comment on the Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis (EE/CA) that identifies and evaluates alternatives for conducting the BIA 120 Mine Waste Removal Action at the Sulphur Bank Mercury Mine Superfund Site. A copy of the EE/CA and all supporting documents are located in an Administrative Record located at the Site's information Repositories (locations below). The public can send written comments postmarked no later than September 9, 2009 to Rick Sugarek (SFD-7-2), U.S. EPA, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105.

EPA has developed and evaluated six alternatives to clean up mine wastes that were originally used in the 1970s to construct BIA 120, the primary access road to the Elem Indian Colony. The mine waste, which originated from the Sulphur Bank Mercury Mine, is contaminated with unsafe levels of mercury, arsenic and antimony. This removal action is to ensure that Elem Indian Colony residents and their visitors are not exposed to the elevated levels of toxic metals that are present in the mine waste.

EPA's preferred removal action alternative is **Alternative 2B**: reconstruct roadway and cover shoulders on entire length of BIA 120 and raise roadway profile to prevent excavating mine waste.

The Administrative Record for the BIA 120 Mine Waste Removal Action is available for public review at: Lake County Library, 1422 N. High Street, Lakeport, CA 95453; Redbud Library, 11785 Burns Valley Road, Clearlake, CA 95422; and EPA Superfund Records Center, 95 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105, (415) 536-2000. For more information on this Site, please contact Richard Sugarek, Remedial Project Manager at (415) 972-3151.

A copy will also be available for review at the Clearlake Oaks Senior Center located at 12502 Foothill Blvd and online at <http://www.cleanlake.org>.

