

Superfund Construction Project – Funding Pending



Eagle Picher Carefree Battery Superfund Site Socorro, New Mexico

Site Description

The [Eagle Picher Carefree Battery](#) site is in a mixed-use area with industrial and residential development. The site includes the former Eagle Picher facility and the area extending south of the facility boundary.

The Eagle Picher site and adjacent historical properties have a long and varied history, including barracks for the Civilian Conservation Corp and facilities for the state of New Mexico sanitarium, and ultimately housing Eagle Picher, Inc. operations in the mid-1960s. The former facility property encompasses two large tracts approximately equal to 55 acres located along I-25, two miles north of Socorro, New Mexico. Eagle Picher manufactured various products, including printed circuit boards and non-automotive lead-acid batteries. As a result of the operations, the site's soil is contaminated with elevated levels of both lead and chromium and a 360-acre groundwater plume is contaminated with trichloroethylene (TCE) concentrations that exceed safe drinking water standards.

EPA added the site to the National Priorities List in 2007.

Site Status and Cleanup Actions to Date

- EPA signed a record of decision in 2014. The remedy includes soil excavation and off-site disposal, removal of construction debris and groundwater pump and treat.
- The remedial design, which addresses contaminated groundwater, was completed in September 2018.
- EPA continues to investigate vapor intrusion as a result of the groundwater plume.

Project Pending Funding, as of the end of Fiscal Year 2020

This work includes excavation and disposal of contaminated soils, removal of construction debris and groundwater pump and treat.

Funding Through Fiscal Year 2020

EPA has provided approximately \$5 million for cleanup activities at the site.