



Tar Creek Superfund Site Ottawa County, Oklahoma EPA Enhances Safety with **NEW** Truck Haul Route April 18, 2012



In early February 2012, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and its contractors began cleaning up mining wastes—commonly known as chat – from five locations about two miles east of Quapaw, in the vicinity of the intersection of East 50 Road and 630 Road. Cleanup involves excavating chat and hauling it in large trucks to a repository on East 40 Road.

Safety is first and foremost for us. As part of our commitment to your safety, the route loaded trucks take when leaving the excavation areas will be changed to reduce the likelihood of accidents. Beginning in mid-April 2012, loaded trucks delivering waste to the repository will exit the excavation areas on East 50 Road at Highway 69A. Trucks will travel west on Highway 69A to 560 Road and travel north to 565 Road, where they will travel NE to East 40 Road. At the intersection of 565 Road and East 40 Road, trucks will travel east to the repository. ***The route for empty trucks returning to the excavation areas from the repository will not change.***

Please be aware of the potential to encounter large trucks on roadways and drive cautiously.



One of the haul trucks that drivers may encounter on Ottawa County roads.

The map on the inside pages of this flyer show the location of the chat removal areas and the truck routes to and from the repository.

All haul trucks working on our projects will have speed restrictions for dump trucks lower than posted speed limits, roadside warning signs, and lighted/flashing signs at critical intersections.



A lighted message board warns motorists about truck traffic on local roadways.

If you witness unsafe driving by any project trucks on these routes, please call 918.674.1164 with the time, location, and the name of the company that is located on the door of the trucks. Your feedback is appreciated.

For more information about construction activities and traffic safety, contact the Tar Creek Project Office at 918.674.1164.

Additional information about cleanup efforts at the Tar Creek Superfund Site can be found online at http://www.epa.gov/region6/6sf/oklahoma/tar_creek/index.htm



Legend		
Approved Haul Route from Distal 6 Site to the Repository	Haul Route Intersects RR	Truck Crossing
Approved Return route from the Repository to Distal 6	Stop Sign Installed	Trucks Entering
Railroad		
Road		
Creek		
Chat Removal Area (Distal 6)		

0 1,250 2,500 5,000 Feet

Haul Route for Current Removal Area (Distal 6)
 Tar Creek Superfund Site
 Operable Unit No. 4
 Ottawa County, Oklahoma