EVENT FACT SHEET

EPA July Community Meetings and Opportunity for Public Comment

Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis Plans to Clean Up Big River and Floodplain
Jefferson and St. Francois Counties, Missouri – July 2025

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 is inviting public input on two Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) plans to clean up lead and other heavy metal contamination along the Big River and floodplain for both St. Francois and Jefferson counties.

Overview: These counties are part of the Old Lead Belt, where lead was mined and smelted for hundreds of years in southeastern Missouri, and these activities contaminated the Big River and floodplain. To learn more about lead poisoning prevention, EPA's EE/CA plans for the Big River, maps and more, see EPA's July 2025 Fact Sheet online at: **www.epa.gov/mo/missouri-cleanups**.

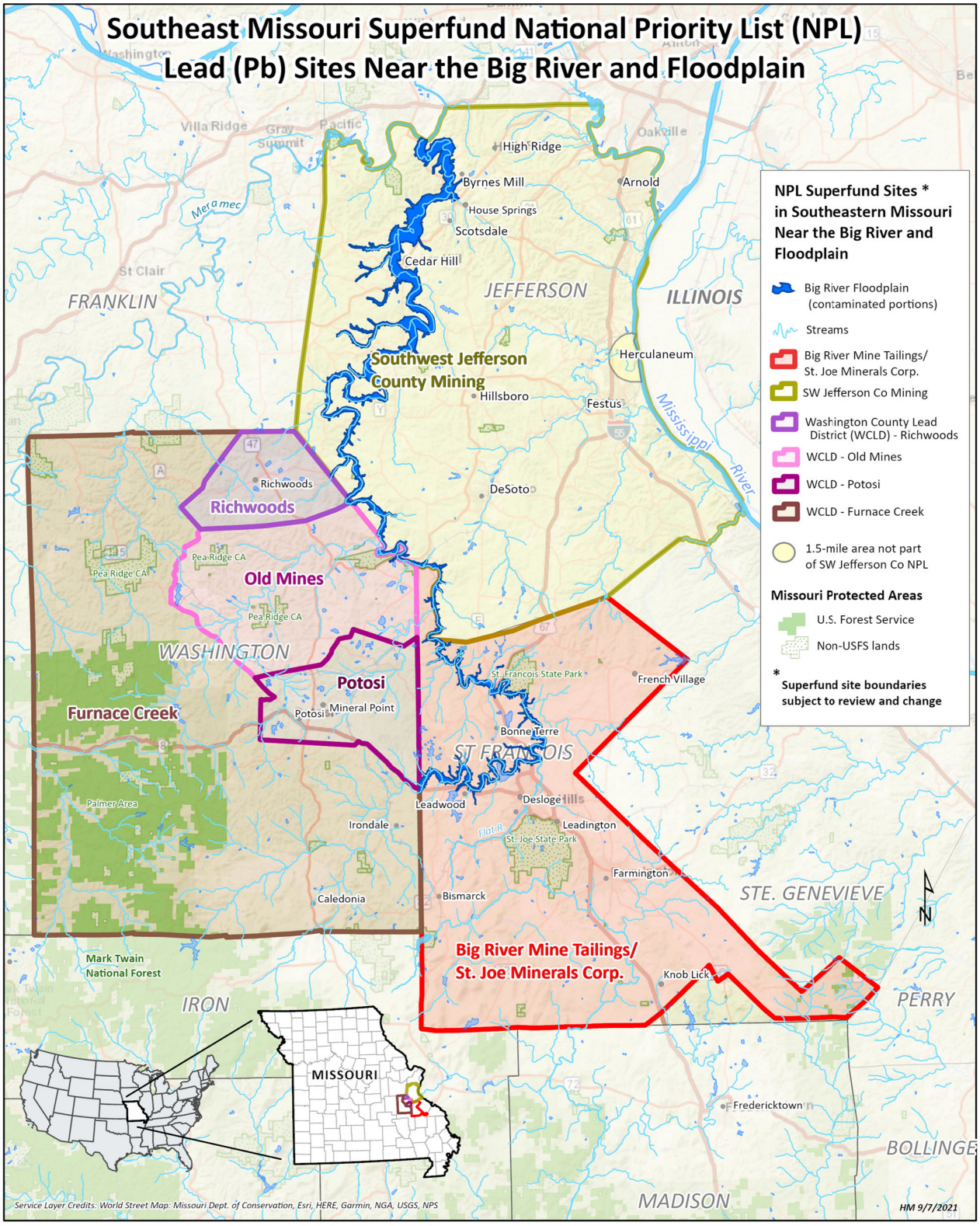
Public Comment Period: On **Wednesday, July 16,** both **EE/CAs** will be available online for public review on each site webpage (links below); see **Site Documents & Data** and **Administrative Record (AR) File**. **Public comments will be accepted for 30 days through Aug. 17, 2025.** To provide **verbal comment**, please attend either **community meeting in July** to make a statement or **leave a voicemail** at **816-589-5534**. *Please specify which site/county.*

Comments and Questions: Direct any requests, questions, and/or provide written comments to: EPA Community Involvement Coordinator **Hilary Elizabeth Kramer** via email: **kramer.elizabeth@epa.gov**; phone: **816-589-5534** or toll-free 1-800-223-0425; or mail: U.S. EPA Region 7, 11201 Renner Blvd., Lenexa, KS 66219.

Events and Verbal Comment Opportunity: EPA will hold **Community Meetings** on **July 22** and **July 23, 2025**. **These meetings will be held:**

Tuesday, July 22 (6 to 8 p.m.)	**Wednesday, July 23, (6 to 8 p.m.)**
First State Community Center (Centene Center) Conference Rooms:	**Little Theater in Arts and Sciences I (ASI 1) Building, Lecture Hall 3, Jefferson College Hillsboro**
2 Black Knight Drive, Farmington, MO 63640	**1000 Viking Drive, Hillsboro, MO 63050**
To review the EE/CA for the **Big River Mine Tailings/St. Joe Minerals Corp. NPL Superfund Site** (in St. Francois County), see **Big River Mine Tailings Removal EECA for OU2 – AR #67971** BRMT OU02 Big River Watershed EE/CA, at: **www.epa.gov/superfund/bigrivermine** **https://semspub.epa.gov/work/07/30831219.pdf**	To review the EE/CA for the **Southwest Jefferson County Mine Tailings NPL Superfund Site** (in Jefferson County), see **SWJC Mining EECA Removal for OU4 – AR #67972** SWJC OU04 Big River Watershed EE/CA, at: **www.epa.gov/superfund/southwestjeffersoncountymining** **https://semspub.epa.gov/work/07/30831220.pdf**

*For both events, starting at **6 p.m.**, EPA will be available to talk with community members in an Open House format. At **6:30 p.m.**, EPA will deliver a presentation about the EE/CA plans, with options for cleaning up contaminated surface water and sediment, followed by an opportunity for verbal comments.*



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www.epa.gov/superfund/bigrivermine

To review the EE/CA for the **Southwest Jefferson County Mine Tailings NPL Superfund Site** (in Jefferson County), see **SWJC Mining EECA Removal for OU4**, see: https://semspub.epa.gov/work/07/30831220.pdf.

The AR files at: SWJC AR for the EECA: SWJC OU04 Big River Watershed EE/CA (243 documents) located at:

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