

Public Comment Period Extended

EPA July Community Meetings and Opportunity for Public Comment Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis Plans – Big River and Floodplain Clean Up

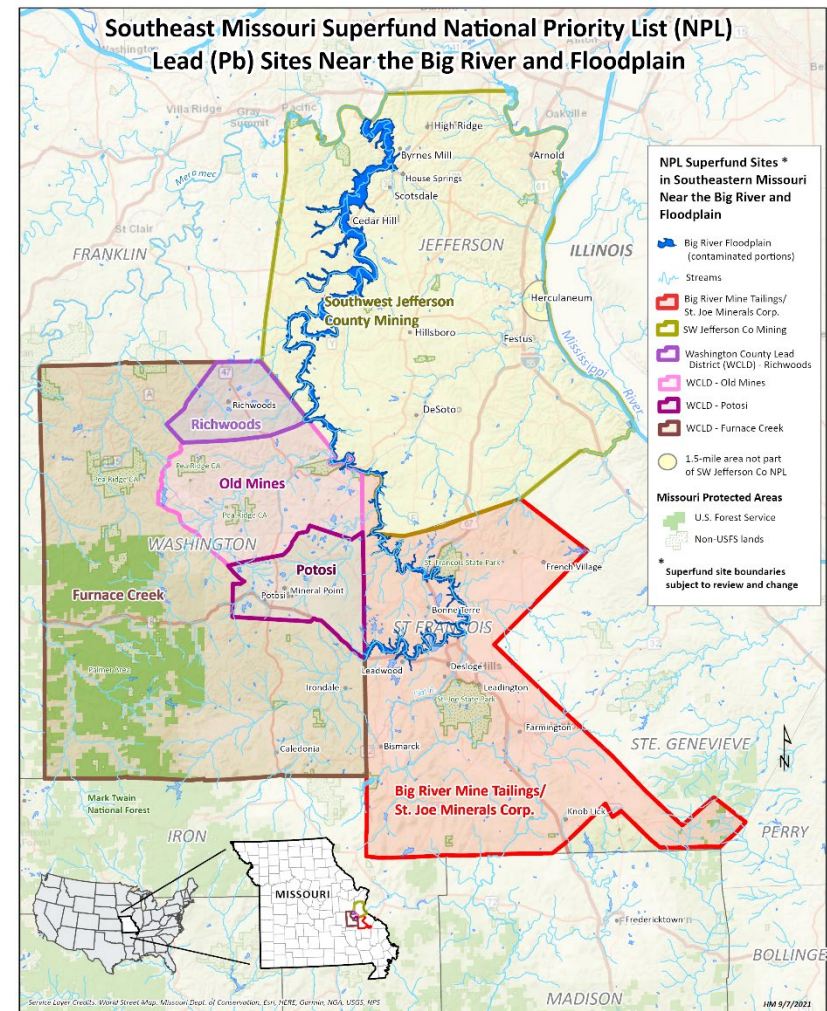
Jefferson and St. Francois Counties, Missouri, July 2025 – **September Deadline Update**

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 now be accepted for 60 days through September 17, 2025.** To provide **verbal comments**, 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.

To review the EE/CAs:

- To review the EE/CA for the **Big River Mine Tailings/St. Joe Minerals Corp. NPL Superfund Site (in St. Francois County)**, see the **Big River Mine Tailings Removal EECA for OU2** at: <https://semspub.epa.gov/work/07/30831219.pdf> The Administrative Record (AR) files are online at: **BRMT OU02 Big River Watershed EE/CA** – located at: 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**, at: <https://semspub.epa.gov/work/07/30831220.pdf>. The AR files at: SWJC AR for the EECA are online at: **SWJC OU04 Big River Watershed EE/CA** – located at: www.epa.gov/superfund/southwestjeffersoncountymining.



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

Tuesday, July 22 (6 to 8 p.m.)

First State Community Center

(Centene Center) Conference Rooms:

2 Black Knight Drive, Farmington, MO 63640

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://sempub.epa.gov/work/07/30831219.pdf>



Link to EPA Slide Presentation:

**Big River Mine Tailings NPL Superfund Site
Community Meeting & Open House**

<https://sempub.epa.gov/work/07/30829487.pdf>

Wednesday, July 23, (6 to 8 p.m.)

Little Theater in Arts and Sciences I (ASI 1) Building

Lecture Hall 3, Jefferson College Hillsboro

1000 Viking Drive, Hillsboro, MO 63050

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://sempub.epa.gov/work/07/30831220.pdf>



Link to EPA Slide Presentation:

**Southwest Jefferson County Mining NPL Superfund Site
Community Meeting & Open House**

<https://sempub.epa.gov/work/07/30829488.pdf>

For both events, starting at **6 p.m.**, EPA was 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.

July Event Handouts / Fact Sheets:

Ways to Protect Your Family from Lead Hazards:

- Infographic: <https://sempub.epa.gov/work/07/30826719.pdf>
- Fact Sheet: <https://sempub.epa.gov/work/07/30826717.pdf>

Community Involvement Plan Updates – July 2025:

- Southwest Jefferson County Mine Tailings NPL Superfund Site: <https://sempub.epa.gov/work/07/30831197.pdf>
- Big River Mine Tailings NPL Site Community Involvement Plan Update: <https://sempub.epa.gov/work/07/30831196.pdf>