PUBLIC NOTICE THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ANNOUNCES THE AVAILABILITY OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD FOR A REMOVAL ACTION AT <u>SANTA FE #2-RED MOUNTAIN SITE</u>

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") announces that the Administrative Record for the Santa Fe Mine #2-Red Mtn., Red Mountain, San Bernardino County, CA is available for public review and comment.

The City of Red Mountain is a historical mining town. The Site consists of a pile of mine tailings or mine waste from historical precious metal recovery and processing operations. Tests found elevated levels of arsenic in the tailings pile and on an adjacent residential property. The potential for vandalism, migration due to runoff and blowing dust, and continuing deterioration could have resulted in physical exposure to the nearby population. EPA determined that the Site posed an imminent and substantial endangerment to human health and the environment, and spent \$236,413.51 to cap the waste pile with material that will prevent direct access to the arsenic in the waste, minimize runoff and blowing dust from the Site, and stabilize the waste pile until an appropriate long-term solution can be taken.

The Administrative Record is a file that includes all documents upon which the EPA based its decision to take action at the Site. Copies of the Administrative Record are available for public review at the following location:

Ridgecrest Public LibraryHours: Tues., Wed., Thur.: 11 - 7pm131 East Las Flores AvenueSaturday: 9 - 5pmRidgecrest, CA 93555-3648Sun., Mon., Fri.: ClosedPhone #: (760) 384-5870Sun., Mon., Fri.: Closed

Superfund Records Center 95 Hawthorne Street, Suite 403S San Francisco, CA 94105

Hours: Monday through Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Call for an appointment at (415) 536-2000

Written comments on the Administrative Record should be sent to:

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