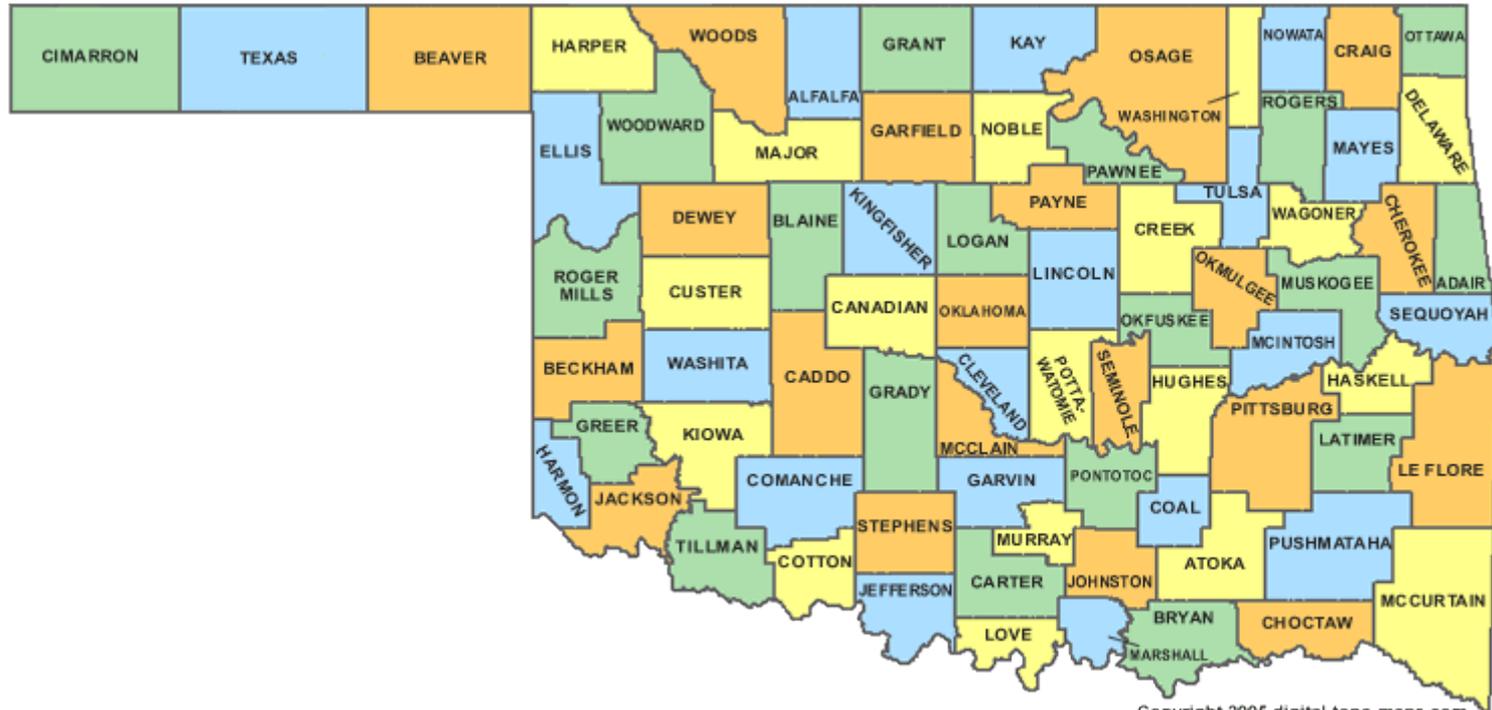


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What is Tar Creek?

- Zinc and Lead Ore deposits discovered in 1891.
- Located in Ottawa County Oklahoma.
- <https://www.google.com/maps/@36.8866382,-94.7233262,133617m/data=!3m1!1e3>
- Added to NPL in 1981.

Tar Creek



Clean Up

- OU 1- surface water/groundwater (diking and diversion structures to stop acid mine water discharge) Wells capped.
- OU 2-Contaminated soils. 1994 HIS test-35 percent of Indian children had concentrations of lead exceeding 10 micrograms per deciliter.
- OU 3-Eagle Pitcher Office Complex cleanup
- OU 4-Chat Piles

Tar Creek

- Lead Impacted Communities Relocation Assistance Trust –based upon subsidence.



Natural Resource Damages

- Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)
- Natural Resource-land, fish, biota, air, drinkingwater, etc.
- Resource must belong to, be managed by, held in trust by, appertain to or otherwise be controlled by the United States, any state, or an Indian Tribe

Tar Creek Trustee Council

Secretary of Energy and Environment is the Trustee for the State of Oklahoma. Attorney General serves as counsel.