The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announces a 30-day Public Comment Period regarding the proposed cleanup strategy for the Section 10 Tronox Mine in McKinley County, New Mexico. The proposed cleanup strategy is explained in the Section 10 Engineering Evaluation/Cost Assessment (EE/CA). The EE/CA was completed by EPA.

EPA investigated the contamination at the site and recommended the most effective and efficient method of making the site safer for human health and the environment. The investigation identified Radium-226 as the constituent of potential concern and recommends excavation and off-site disposal of contaminated soils at a licensed, low-level radioactive waste facility as the preferred method for site cleanup.

Public written comments can be submitted during the 30-day public comment period from April 17, 2023, through May 17, 2023.

You may submit comments via email to patel.anish@epa.gov or in writing to:

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