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# Tar Creek Superfund Site Update

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Ottawa County, Oklahoma

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## This fact sheet will tell you about...

- Site location
- Activities at the site
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### Site location:

Site includes the Old Picher Field lead and zinc mining area located in northeastern Ottawa County. It includes the towns of Cardin, Commerce, North Miami, Picher, and Quapaw, OK.

### Activities at the site:

#### Operable Unit Four Activities (OU4: Chat Piles and Mill Ponds)

In the coming months, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will receive a series of documents from the Respondents related to the Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) signed December 9, 2003, for the OU4 Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS). During this period, EPA will review each document and provide comments to the Respondents to incorporate before the document is finalized. The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) and the Quapaw Tribe will assist EPA in this effort. The EPA will also coordinate with the 9 tribes and seek their input on these documents.

On January 21, 2004, EPA received the draft Scoping Phase Work Plan from the Respondents. This document was forwarded to ODEQ, the Quapaw Tribe, and the 9 tribes for comments.

Comments were collected and forwarded to the Respondents. A meeting between the Respondents, EPA, ODEQ, the Quapaw Tribe, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), United States Geological Survey (USGS), United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) was conducted on February 10, 2004, to discuss and seek resolution on the comments. Once the Scoping Phase Work Plan is finalized and approved by EPA, the next deliverable expected from the Respondents will be the draft Data Gap Analysis Report.

### Where to get additional information:

The EPA is coordinating with USACE, USGS, BIA, BLM, USFWS, ODEQ, the Tribes, and the Respondents to the AOC to share information that currently exists or is being planned at or around the Tar Creek site. The intent of this effort is to optimize efforts, share information, minimize duplication and work toward a holistic solution for the entire site. For further information regarding this project, contact Ursula Lennox, EPA Remedial Project Manager, at (214) 665-6743 or toll-free at 1-800-533-3508.

Local Environmental Action Demanded (LEAD) has the Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) for the Tar Creek area. For more information about TAG activities, contact Rebecca Jim, LEAD Executive Director, at (918) 256-5269.

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