

Iron King Mine / Humboldt Smelter Superfund Site:**Environmental Protection Agency Community Meeting and Upcoming Field Work**

A “seminar-style” EPA-sponsored Community Meeting will take place on Saturday, December 7 from 12:30 to 5:30 PM at the Humboldt Elementary School Gymnasium.

In the first half of the meeting, EPA will explain an extensive sampling investigation that it plans to begin shortly after the New Year. We will also provide new information about residential background levels of metals and levels of concern in relation to soil in residential yards.

EPA’s field work will include installing and sampling from hundreds of new borings, thousands of soil and tailings samples, installing new groundwater monitoring wells, and also sampling at hundreds of residential yards in the coming months. Soon, EPA will begin an effort to reach out to residents to obtain access to properties for sampling. Residents should watch their mailbox in the next few weeks for a fact sheet mailer from EPA with more details.

EPA has also invited other agencies to the December 7 meeting to discuss how you can reduce your exposure to metals in soils or drinking water, whether from the Site or naturally-occurring. Agencies that will be present include the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, the Arizona Department of Health Services, and the University of Arizona Superfund Research Program.

The community meeting will include presentations on varying topics at preset times, as well as open house tables for informal discussions throughout the afternoon. EPA encourages those with interest in or questions about the federal Iron King Mine / Humboldt Smelter Superfund site, the tailings piles, metals such as arsenic and lead in the community soils or drinking water, and general matters about metals in the environment to attend the meeting.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Amanda Pease, Community Involvement Coordinator, at (415) 972-3068 or pease.amanda@epa.gov