

Iron King Mine / Humboldt Smelter Superfund Site

**Environmental Protection Agency Updates on Residential Soil Results**

In early 2014, EPA collected soil samples from hundreds of yards in Dewey-Humboldt. These samples were analyzed for arsenic and lead as part of our investigation of the former Iron King Mine and Humboldt Smelter. Between this sampling effort and residential sampling in 2009-2010, EPA has sampled all residential areas potentially affected by the site.

Though EPA anticipated sharing results with community members before this time, we experienced unexpected delays when compiling and analyzing the data for the hundreds of yards that were sampled. EPA understands that this delay might be frustrating for residents who are waiting for the results of this sampling. As of mid-March, residential results letters have been sent to all residents whose yards were sampled in 2014. If your yard was sampled and you do not receive your results letter by mid-April, please contact EPA (see contact information below). Additionally, once you receive your results letter, please contact EPA to discuss any questions you have concerning your results.

In addition to the residential results letters, EPA will also be preparing a factsheet discussing general residential results and next steps in the cleanup process. EPA representatives plan to present this information at the April 21 Town Council meeting in Dewey-Humboldt. We will be available after the meeting to discuss further questions or concerns with interested community members.

EPA is also available to discuss residential soil information informally with small groups of interested residents whose yards were sampled. If you are interested in hosting a small group gathering during the coming months to discuss residential soil results, please contact EPA Community Involvement Coordinators Amanda Pease or Heather Parker.

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