



ANNOUNCEMENT

Public Meeting and Request for Public Comments

Public Meeting - The GRIC Department of Environmental Quality invites you to attend a public meeting regarding the proposed environmental clean-up remedies for the former Plymouth Tube Site.

When: Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Time: 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm (open house format, come at your convenience)

Where: Lone Butte Development Administration Building
1235 S. Akimel Lane
520-796-1033 or 480-899-5280

Purpose: Provide the Community the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments regarding the proposed environmental cleanup.

Background - In 2000, the Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) discovered trichloroethylene (TCE) and other volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in one of its groundwater monitoring wells near I-10 and Wild Horse Pass Boulevard in District 4. Between 2000 and 2005, the DEQ installed multiple groundwater quality monitoring wells throughout the project area to further define the groundwater contamination and to determine the location of the contamination source. In 2006 a source of contamination was detected at the former Plymouth Tube industrial facility. In 2007 a joint Gila River/U.S. Environmental Protection Agency management team was created to oversee all project investigations and cleanup activities. Since 2007, Plymouth Tube has been conducting an extensive environmental investigation. While conducting the investigation they have also conducted some preliminary remedial measures which have removed approximately 3,260 pounds of VOCs. Indoor air modeling and sampling has also been conducted at the former Plymouth Tube facility.

In 2015, Plymouth Tube completed a "Corrective Measures Study Report" which documents the proposed project cleanup process. Plymouth Tube is proposing to conduct additional remediation of groundwater using In-Situ Chemical Oxidation (ISCO). After the ISCO treatment is complete, it is proposed the project will undergo Monitored Natural Attenuation. As necessary, Plymouth Tube will also continue with soil vapor extraction. Due to the chemical properties of TCE and the impracticability to remove all residual TCE contamination at the site, small amounts of TCE will likely remain in the environment for many years. Therefore, the EPA and DEQ will continue to monitor the site for many years into the future.

Public Comment Period - A copy of the proposed remedies is provided in the "Corrective Measures Study Report" which is available for review at the District 4 Service Center and on the DEQ website, www.gricdeq.org. The public comment period for this report will end on **July 15, 2016**. To comment, please write or email:

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