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New Mexico Environmental Department  
1190 St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, NM 87031

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find three copies of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) Public Health Assessment-Public Comment Release for the Cal West Metals (USSBA), dated October 24, 1995. This document is ATSDR's evaluation of data and information on the release of contaminants into the environment from the Cal West Metals (USSBA), Lemitar, Socorro County, New Mexico. The purpose of this document is to assess any current or future impact on public health.

On behalf of all concerned public/private agencies and citizens, ATSDR is requesting that the Cal West Metals (USSBA), Public Health Assessment be placed in the repository for this site. This will permit any interested party to review and comment on the document. As indicated in the enclosed Public Notice, ATSDR will accept written comments from the public until December 28, 1995. Correspondence should be addressed to the Chief, Program Evaluation, Records, and Information Services Branch, Division of Health Assessment and Consultation, ATSDR, Mailstop E-56, 1600 Clifton Road, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30333.

ATSDR is responsible for coordinating all news releases and the publication of the Public Notice. We only request that you permit any interested party to review and/or copy the document. The enclosed Public Health Assessments should not be removed from the repository.

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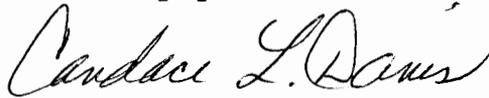


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If you have any questions, please call the health assessor, Edward Gregory at (404) 639-6018. Additionally, it is important that you acknowledge receipt of these documents so we may have official notification of the repository status on record. Please complete and return the enclosed acknowledgement form to ATSDR, Program Evaluation, Records, and Information Services Branch, at the above address. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely yours,

  
for Max M. Howie, Jr.  
Chief

Program Evaluation, Records,  
and Information Services Branch  
Division of Health Assessment  
and Consultation

Enclosures

**For more information, contact:  
Mike Greenwell  
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404/639-0501**

For immediate release: October 28, 1995

### **ATSDR ANNOUNCES PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

**ATLANTA** -- The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), part of the U.S. Public Health Service, has released for public comment a public health assessment of Cal-West Metals in Lemitar, New Mexico. The public health assessment focuses on various sources of environmental contamination to determine their public health implications. As part of the public health assessment process, ATSDR is requesting that the public comment on the document. All comments by citizens will be addressed in an appendix to the completed assessment.

The public can read the document between November 8 and December 28, 1995, at any one of the following locations: EPA Region VI Library, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas (Phone: 214/665-6500); Socorro Public Library, 401 Park Street, SW, Socorro, New Mexico (Phone: 505/835-1114); and New Mexico Environmental Department, 1190 St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico (Phone: 505/827-2850. and can submit comments before December 28, 1995, to the Chief, PERISB/ATSDR, 1600 Clifton Rd., N.E., (E-56), Atlanta, Georgia, 30333.

Commenters' names will not be included in the public health assessment; however, they are subject to Freedom of Information Act requests. For that reason, individuals should exercise their own judgment concerning the inclusion of any personal health information or other confidential data in comments sent to ATSDR.

ATSDR public health assessments report information about hazardous substances at a site and evaluate whether exposure (past, present or future) to those substances could harm people living, working, or playing on or near the site. They identify public health activities needed and make recommendations to the Department of Defense and other government agencies, such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and state and local health and environmental departments, concerning actions to protect public health.

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ATSDR conducts public health assessments for every site on or proposed to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Priorities List (NPL) commonly referred to as the Superfund List. Additionally, anyone can petition ATSDR to conduct an assessment.

**Members of the press are requested to make an appointment to interview the ATSDR staff. Phone Mike Greenwell, ATSDR Office of Policy and External Affairs, 404/639-0501.**

# CAL-WEST METALS

## Public Health Assessment

- WHAT:** Make plans now to Read and Comment on the public health assessment for *Cal-West Metals*. The *Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry* (ATSDR) is part of the U.S. Public Health Service. ATSDR public health assessments report information about hazardous substances at a site and evaluate whether exposure (past, present or future) to those substances could harm people living, working or playing on or near the site.
- WHY:** *Your Opinion Is Important!* ATSDR wants to know if you think the public health assessment addresses **your** health concerns. Comments will be addressed in the report. Names will be kept confidential.
- WHEN:** The public comment period will run from **November 8, 1995 through December 28, 1995**.
- WHERE:** You can read the public health assessment at any one of the following three locations: **EPA Region VI Library**, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas (Phone:214/665-6500); **Socorro Public Library**, 401 Park Street, SW, Socorro, New Mexico (Phone:505/835-1114); and **New Mexico Environmental Department**, 1190 St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico (Phone: 505/827-2850).
- HOW:** Send your comments to Chief, PERISB/ATSDR, 1600 Clifton Rd., N.E., Mailstop E-56, Atlanta, Georgia, 30333 no later than **December 28, 1995**.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Please call the ATSDR Regional Representative, Jemmifer Lyke, at 214/665-8362 or the ATSDR Health Assessor, Edward Gregory, at 404/639-6018.