

## **U.S. EPA Invites You to Participate in a Community Interview for the Copper Bluff Mine and Celtor Chemical Works Superfund Sites**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) is developing a community involvement plan for the Copper Bluff Mine and adjacent Celtor Chemical Works (Celtor Chemical) Superfund sites. Both sites are in the northern Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation.

### **History of the Sites**

Workers at Celtor Chemical processed ore from the Copper Bluff mine, which is approximately one mile south of the mine, from around 1958 to 1962. Acid mine drainage and associated metals discharge from the mine's portal entrance, located about 300 feet above the Trinity River. Both heavy metals and acid mine drainage are toxic and hazardous to human health and the environment.

U.S. EPA started cleaning up the Celtor Chemical site in 1982, when the site was added to the Superfund program. In 2003, U.S. EPA finished cleaning up the site and it was removed from the program. However, in 2017, U.S. EPA investigated Celtor Chemical again after mine tailings were found along the Trinity River. Since then, U.S. EPA started a new investigation to clean up both areas.

### **U.S. EPA Is Developing a Community Involvement Plan for the Copper Bluff Mine and Celtor Chemical Works Sites**

The community involvement plan (CIP) is specific to these sites and intended to enable meaningful community involvement throughout the cleanup. The CIP will include, among other items, EPA activities to address community information needs, concerns and expectations.

U.S. EPA will interview volunteer community members and stakeholders by phone in August and September 2020 to develop the CIP.

### **How Can I Participate?**

To schedule a phone interview, please contact: Tiffany Reed at (847) 786-8767 or [treed@skeo.com](mailto:treed@skeo.com)

For more information about these sites, please visit the websites below or contact EPA's Community Involvement Coordinator: Jackie Lane at (415) 972-3236 or [lane.jackie@epa.gov](mailto:lane.jackie@epa.gov)

Copper Bluff Mine: [www.epa.gov/superfund/copper-bluff-mine](http://www.epa.gov/superfund/copper-bluff-mine)

Celtor Chemical Works: [www.epa.gov/superfund/celtorchemical](http://www.epa.gov/superfund/celtorchemical)