



# Copper Bluff Mine and Celtor Chemical Works Superfund Sites

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## EPA to Present on Copper Bluff Mine and Celtor Chemical Works Superfund Sites at the Hoopa Valley Tribal Council Meeting

Hoopa Valley Tribal Council Meeting  
5:30 p.m. • Thursday, July 21, 2022  
Hoopa Neighborhood Facility  
11860 State Hwy 96, Hoopa, CA 95546

EPA will give an update on the new investigation at the Copper Bluff Mine site and the ongoing investigation at the Celtor Chemical Works site.

### Overview

Both sites are in the Central Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation. From 1958 to 1962, ore from the Copper Bluff Mine was processed at Celtor Chemical Works (see figure 1). EPA is evaluating whether there is a risk to human health and the environment from previous mining and processing operations.

### Upcoming Work at Copper Bluff Mine

- EPA will collect and analyze water, sediment, and river species samples in 2022 and 2023.
- EPA will prepare Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessments to understand any effects from the mine on the community, and on river water quality and species.
- EPA will investigate additional areas north of the mine entrance.

### Upcoming Work at Celtor Chemical Works

- EPA will analyze the results of recent investigations and share the results with the community.
- Study on health risks for community members who use the site (for fishing, recreating, basket weaving, tribal ceremonies, etc.)

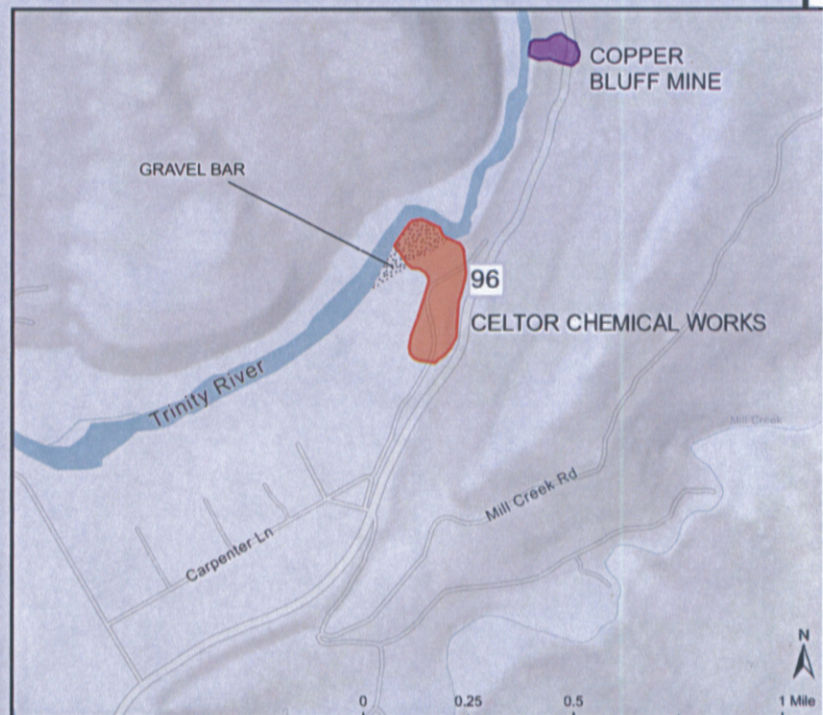


Figure 1: Site Map