



PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. EPA Requests Public Comment on the Closure Plan for Romic Environmental Technologies Corporation-Southwest

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requests public comment on the Closure Plan for the Romic facility located near Chandler, Arizona. The Closure Plan contains information on the removal of facility waste, decontamination of all structures, and sampling of the site to determine if any further cleanup is required. The public comment period will begin on Monday, June 16, 2008 and will run for 30 calendar days, ending on Wednesday, July 16, 2008.

Facility Background and Status

Romic Environmental Technologies Corporation (Romic) was a hazardous waste storage and treatment facility on the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) near 6760 West Allison Road, Chandler, Arizona. Romic operated the facility from 1988 when they purchased its predecessor Southwest Solvents. Southwest Solvents operated at the site from 1975 to 1988. The most common hazardous wastes accepted at Romic included solvents, corrosives, waste paint and paint thinner, metal sludges, and laboratory chemicals.

Federal regulations require a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act permit to treat and store hazardous waste. Romic submitted a permit application to the U.S. EPA in February 2005, requesting a ten year permit to continue to treat and store hazardous waste. In December 2007, the U.S. EPA denied the permit for Romic because it lacked the landowner's signature and certification, as required by federal law. The U.S. EPA is now working with Romic to ensure proper closure of the site and clean up of any remaining hazardous waste at the facility.

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The Closure Plan and additional documents about the Romic facility are available at the following offices:

GRIC Department of Environmental Quality:

35 Pine Street, Sacaton, AZ
Please call 520-562-2234 to set up an appointment.

EPA's San Francisco office:

75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA
Please call 415-947-4597 to set up an appointment.

You can also access the Closure Plan online at the EPA's web site:

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/romic/index.html>

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The facility is located at 6760 West Allison Road, Chandler, Arizona.

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