

PUBLIC NOTICE

Requesting Information about Historic Properties Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

Romic Southwest is a hazardous waste storage and treatment facility on the Gila River Indian Community near Chandler, Arizona. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is in the process of making a permit decision at Romic.

As part of the permit decision, EPA must comply with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). In compliance with the NHPA, EPA has designated an Area of Potential Effects as shown on the map to the right. EPA is today requesting information about historic properties within the Area of Potential Effects.

EPA established the Area of Potential Effects after consultation with the Gila River Indian Community, the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Romic, and after providing it in draft to the public in August 2004.

EPA must now determine whether there are any historic properties within the Area of Potential Effects. After researching public records, EPA has found no historic properties in this area. EPA would like to hear from you about any historic properties that you know of within the Area of Potential Effects. The term "historic properties" includes properties of traditional religious and cultural importance to an Indian Tribe. For a complete definition of "historic property" under the NHPA, you may contact EPA (contact information to the right), or you may access the following web site: www.achp.gov/citizensguide.html

If EPA determines that there are historic properties within the Area of Potential Effects, the next steps will be to decide whether Romic may cause adverse effects to those properties. If there may be adverse effects, then EPA must take those adverse effects into consideration during the permit decision.

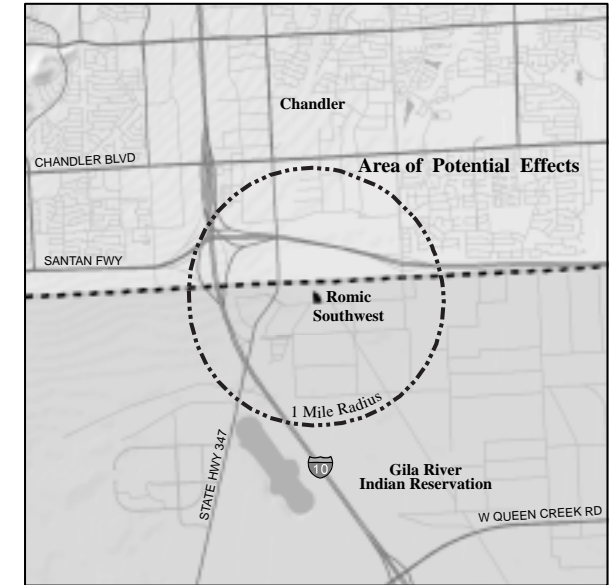
We are interested in any information you may have on historic properties within the Area of Potential Effects.

If you have information on historic properties within the Area of Potential Effects, please let EPA know by December 13, 2004. If there is information that you would like to provide, but that you believe should remain confidential in order to protect the historic property, please contact us by phone, and we will explore options for keeping the information confidential. Also, you may contact EPA at any time during the process to advise us of concerns or comments you may have regarding the NHPA process at Romic.

To provide information or to comment, you may write, email, or call Karen Scheuermann at:

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*Or you may leave a message on EPA's toll-free number
(800) 231-3075 and we will return your call.*



A detailed map and additional documents regarding the steps leading up to this request for information are available at the GRIC Department of Environmental Quality, 35 Pine Street, Sacaton, AZ or EPA's San Francisco office, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA. You may also find information about Romic and the National Historic Preservation Act at these locations.

In the future, EPA will publish separate public notices regarding other aspects of the permit decision at Romic, such as the draft permit decision.