

# NPL Site Narrative for San Fernando Valley (Area 1)

## SAN FERNANDO VALLEY (AREA 1) Los Angeles, California

**Conditions at proposal (October 15, 1984):** San Fernando Valley (Area 1) is an area of contaminated ground water in the vicinity of the North Hollywood section of the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California. This area is part of the San Fernando Valley Basin, a natural underground reservoir that represents an important source of drinking water for at least 3 million people in the Los Angeles metropolitan area. The contaminated ground water, which underlies an area of approximately 5,156 acres, contains trichloroethylene (TCE) and perchloroethylene (PCE), and to a lesser extent, carbon tetrachloride and chloroform, according to analyses conducted by the California Department of Health Services, as well as numerous local government agencies. The State's recommended drinking water guideline for TCE and PCE (5 and 4 parts per billion respectively) are exceeded in a number of public wells in this area. To alleviate this contamination, wells are either taken out of service or blended with water from clean sources to ensure that the public receives water with TCE/PCE concentrations below the State's guidelines.

**Status (June 10, 1986):** EPA and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power are entering into a cooperative agreement for a remedial investigation of the San Fernando Valley Basin and a feasibility study targeted at Area 1, the most contaminated area. The RI is scheduled to begin in early 1986.

For more information about the hazardous substances identified in this narrative summary, including general information regarding the effects of exposure to these substances on human health, please see the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) ToxFAQs. ATSDR ToxFAQs can be found on the Internet at [ATSDR - ToxFAQs](http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaqs/index.asp) (<http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaqs/index.asp>) or by telephone at 1-888-42-ATSDR or 1-888-422-8737.