

NPL Site Narrative for Coalinga Asbestos Mine

COALINGA ASBESTOS MINE Coalinga, California

Conditions at listing (September 1983): The Coalinga Asbestos Mine operated from 1963 to 1978 on a 3-acre site about 17 miles northwest of Coalinga, Fresno County, California. The abandoned site consists of the asbestos mine, a processing mill, support buildings, and asbestos tailings. Pine Canyon Creek drains the site into Los Gatos Creek, a tributary to the Arroyo Pasajero, a flood area along the California Aqueduct. During the rainy season, the California State Department of Water Resources drains the Arroyo into the aqueduct. Analysis of the water in the aqueduct, conducted by the Southern California Metropolitan Water District and the Department of Water Resources, indicates high concentrations of asbestos fibers.

Status (June 1984): EPA has conducted remedial planning activities for this site. The purpose was to review the scope of a remedial action plan being proposed by the owner of the site, define areas of insufficient data, and review the proposed remedial action for consistency with the National Contingency Plan. EPA and the Regional Water Quality Control Board are continuing review of the proposed remedial action plan.

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