

# Residential Yards Along Newark and Ely Streets Near Treasure Hill Pioche, Nevada

# Planned Soil Sampling and Remediation Activities Fact Sheet: June 2019

Greenfield Environmental Multistate Trust LLC, Trustee of the Multistate Environmental Response Trust (the Multistate Trust), in consultation with the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP), is performing additional soil sampling in multiple residential yards along Newark and Ely Streets at and around the former Kerr-McGee/Tronox Caselton Mine Area (the Site) in Pioche, Nevada. The purpose of this work is to delineate the location of contamination that may have washed onto the yards from the sloped area above Main Street known as Treasure Hill. Sampling will occur only in yards where the Multistate Trust has requested and received written permission from the property owner. As a result, not all yards will be sampled. Samples will be collected using hand scoops or hand augers. Use of a drilling rig is not expected. Sampling should take 1–3 hours per yard. After contamination in the yards has been delineated, the Multistate Trust will return later this year to remove contaminated soil and replace it with clean soil. The Multistate Trust will provide advance notice to the property owners of the commencement of the soil removal and replacement work. If your residential yard is located along Newark or Ely Streets and you have not yet granted permission for work on your yard, please contact Linda Rollins at Isrollins2@yahoo.com or (775) 962-1304 or Mark Hogan at mh@g-etg.com or (573) 230-8658 as soon as possible and no later than Monday June 17, 2019 to complete a work consent form or to see if one is required for your property. Alternative options are currently being developed and reviewed to limit further deposit of contaminated materials onto the yards.

## **Caselton Site Background**

The Site, which includes Treasure Hill, consists of the Caselton mine, mill, associated tailings and waste rock, and undeveloped land. Certain entities, including Kerr-McGee Corporation (Kerr-McGee) and Combined Metals Reduction Company, previously conducted mining activities in the area. Ownership of certain portions of the Caselton Site was transferred by Kerr-McGee to Tronox LLC (Tronox) in 2005. As part of the 2011 global Tronox bankruptcy settlement, ownership and management of those portions of the Caselton Site were transferred to the Multistate Trust.

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### The Multistate Environmental Response Trust

The Multistate Trust is an independent, court-appointed trustee whose main purpose is to protect human health and the environment. The Multistate Trust was created as part of the 2011 global Tronox bankruptcy settlement, which involved the federal government, 22 state governments, Tronox and others.

Greenfield Environmental Multistate Trust LLC is the named Trustee and responsible for owning and managing in trust approximately 400 former Tronox/Kerr-McGee sites in 31 states, including portions of the Caselton Site. The Multistate Trust remediates the sites using funds from the Tronox bankruptcy settlement and assists in redevelopment and long-term stewardship of the sites. The Multistate Trust reports directly to its two Site beneficiaries—the United States and the State of Nevada, represented by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and NDEP.