



Monticello Mill Tailings Site and Monticello Vicinity Properties 2022 CERCLA Five-Year Review Notice of Completion

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management (LM) has completed the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) five-year review of cleanup remedies for the Monticello Vicinity Properties (MVP) and the Monticello Mill Tailings Site (MMTS) in and near Monticello, Utah. The purpose of the five-year review is to assess the performance of the CERCLA remedies to determine if the sites remain protective of human health and the environment. LM, as the lead agency, conducted the review with the assistance of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Utah Department of Environmental Quality (UDEQ).

The *Sixth Five-Year Review Report for Monticello Radioactively Contaminated Properties Superfund Site* (MVP) and the *Sixth Five-Year Review Report for Monticello Mill Tailings (USDOE) Site* (MMTS) are now available on the LM webpage (<https://lmpublicsearch.lm.doe.gov/SitePages/default.aspx?sitename=Monticello>). These reports contain an assessment of the remedies at Operable Unit (OU) H at MVP and OUs I, II, and III at MMTS. The reports conclude that the remedies at MVP OU H and MMTS OUs I and II are currently protective of human health and the environment; however, additional actions are necessary to ensure long-term protectiveness. These additional actions are identified in the respective reports.

The MMTS report concludes that a protectiveness determination cannot be made at this time for OU III until LM obtains further information regarding the potential risk of surface water contaminants to human and ecological receptors. To obtain this information, the MMTS report identifies the necessary actions, which LM anticipates completing in 2023. At that time, LM will make and complete a protectiveness determination for OU III and a five-year review report addendum.

For more information about the Monticello site, visit <https://www.energy.gov/lm/monticello-utah-disposal-and-processing-sites> or contact:

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