

AT&SF Albuquerque Tie-Treater NPL Site

Case History: The [AT&SF Albuquerque Tie-Treater Superfund Site](#) (Site) is a former wood treating plant that operated from March 1908 to January 1972 and is situated in the South Valley area of Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico. Wood products treated included railroad ties, bridge timbers, and fence posts. The facility operations in the early years involved preservation of wood products without the benefits of drying agents. The preservatives at the Site were typically straight [creosote](#), and a creosote and oil mixture. From 1914 to 1926, some wood products were treated with zinc chloride. Additionally other compounds were utilized during the plant operations that included drying agents or weed control that contained copper and arsenic respectively. Washdown waters, spills and leakage were disposed of in an unlined impoundment covering approximately 3.4 acres. The Site is currently backfilled with clean soil, capped and graded so as to minimize any future infiltration of surface waters.

The case was settled in March 2005 and \$400,000 was placed into a court registry trust account and designated plan and implement restoration projects designed to restore, replace and/or acquire the equivalent of habitat resources injured, destroyed or lost as a result of the release of hazardous substances at or from the Site.

Responsible Party:
BN&SF (formerly known as AT&SF) Railroad



Trustees:
[New Mexico Office of the Natural Resources Trustee](#)

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Current Status: A final restoration plan has been developed and preferred restoration projects identified. The restoration plan underwent public review with full support of the preferred projects. The two projects which will be funded are: (1) the Whitfield Wildlife Area Riparian Zone Project; a 2-year project involving restoring 27 acres of riparian area along the middle Rio Grande River at the Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area near Belen, NM, and (2) the Bosque Re-vegetation Project which will enhance 100 acres of

bosque habitat in the [Rio Grande Valley State Park](#) by planting native vegetation in sites that have already undergone non-native plant removal. It is anticipated that project implementation for both projects will begin in the summer of 2007.

Documents:

The links below will allow you to view documents concerning the ATSF Tie-Treater Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration.

Most reports will be in PDF format and you will need [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#) to view them. Some files may be large so note the file size before downloading.

[Final Wildlife Habitat Restoration Plan](#) for the ATSF Albuquerque Tie-Treater Superfund Site (pdf)

[Photographs](#) of ongoing restoration activities.

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