

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Extension of Public Comment Period for**  
**Proposed Area of Potential Effects on Historic Properties**  
**for US Filter Westates**  
**Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act**

US Filter Westates is a hazardous waste treatment facility on the Colorado River Indian Reservation near Parker, Arizona. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is in the process of making a permit decision at Westates.

As part of the permit decision, EPA must comply with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). In compliance with the NHPA, EPA is proposing an Area of Potential Effects on historic properties for our permit decision at Westates. We are asking the public for comments on this proposal.

This proposed Area of Potential Effects on historic properties replaces a larger Area that EPA proposed in December 2003. The current proposed Area of Potential Effects is a circle with a 1-mile radius around Westates, and was recommended to EPA by the Colorado River Indian Tribes.

**EPA originally proposed this Area of Potential Effects on Historic Properties on May 31, 2006 with a comment period ending on July 17, 2006. We now are extending the comment period to September 1, 2006.**

We are extending the comment period due to a request by a commenter. The commenter expressed concern that the public was not given sufficient time to evaluate the proposed Area of Potential Effects on historic properties in light of a recent enforcement order that EPA issued to Westates. This enforcement order, along with other documents and information relevant to Westates, is available at the public repositories noted to the right.

The proposed Area of Potential Effects on historic properties is one of the first steps in EPA's evaluation under Section 106 of the NHPA. Comments from the public will help EPA make our final determination on this Area of Potential Effects.

EPA must identify any historic properties within the Area of Potential Effects that may be affected by operations at Westates. The term "historic properties"

includes properties of traditional religious and cultural importance to an Indian Tribe. Effects on historic properties from Westates may include noise, visual effects, and air emissions containing hazardous constituents. Under the NHPA, EPA must then take possible adverse effects to historic properties into consideration.

The map to the right shows the proposed Area of Potential Effects on historic properties. EPA is making this proposal after consultation with the Colorado River Indian Tribes, the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office, the Town of Parker, and US Filter Westates.

Please note that this Area of Potential Effects is for potential effects from Westates on historic properties only. Under a separate authority, EPA is also requiring Westates to conduct a human health and ecological risk assessment which will evaluate potential human health and ecological effects up to 30 miles from the facility due to Westates' operations. There will be a separate public notice requesting comments on the risk assessment once it is available for review.

**We are interested in hearing your comments on the proposed Area of Potential Effects on Historic Properties.**

If you have comments on the boundaries of this proposed Area of Potential Effects, please let EPA know by September 1, 2006. Also, you may comment at any time during the process to advise us of any historic properties within the Area of Potential Effects.

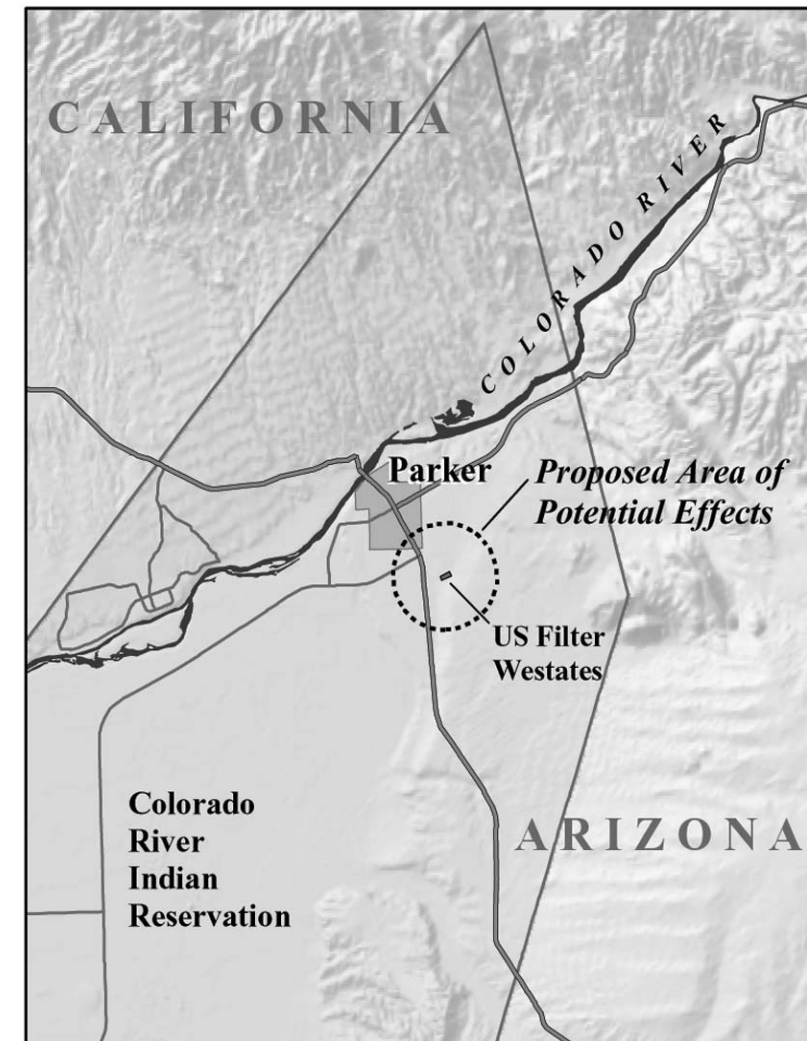
To comment, you may write, email, or call Karen Scheuermann at:

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Or you may leave a message on EPA's toll-free number (800) 231-3075 and we will return your call.



A detailed map and additional documents regarding the steps leading up to this proposal are available at public repositories at the Parker Public Library and the Colorado River Indian Tribes Library. You may also find information about Westates and the National Historic Preservation Act at these libraries. You may also obtain documents and information related to Westates and the NHPA process by request to EPA at the address or phone number to the left and at EPA's website at <http://www.epa.gov/region9/waste/westates/>.

**US Filter Westates has recently changed its name to Siemens Water Technologies. Future public notices by EPA will use the new name.**

*In the future, EPA will publish separate public notices regarding other EPA actions at Westates, such as the human health and ecological risk assessment and the draft permit decision.*