

PUBLIC NOTICE

Extension of Public Comment Period for Request for Information about Historic Properties for Siemens Water Technologies (formerly US Filter Westates) Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

Siemens Water Technologies is a hazardous waste treatment facility on the Colorado River Indian Reservation near Parker, Arizona. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is in the process of making a hazardous waste management permit decision at Siemens pursuant to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

Designation of Area of Potential Effects

As part of the permit decision, EPA must comply with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). In compliance with the NHPA, EPA designated an Area of Potential Effects (see map to the right) on historic properties for its permit decision at Siemens.

EPA requested Information about Historic Properties on January 31, 2007 with a comment period ending on March 12, 2007. EPA is now extending the public comment period for Information about Historic Properties to April 12, 2007.

Determining Whether There May Be Adverse Effects to Historic Properties

EPA must now determine whether a hazardous waste permit decision at Siemens may cause adverse effects to any historic properties within the Area of Potential Effects. EPA would like to hear from you about any historic properties that you know of within the Area of Potential Effects and about any adverse effects you believe a Siemens permit decision may cause to the historic properties. For each historic property, please describe why you believe it to be a historic property and the specific adverse effects you believe a Siemens permit decision may cause.

Criteria for Identifying Historic Properties and Adverse Effects

EPA will use NHPA criteria in determining whether a site or structure within the Area of Potential Effects is a historic property and whether a Siemens permit decision may cause adverse effects to the historic properties.

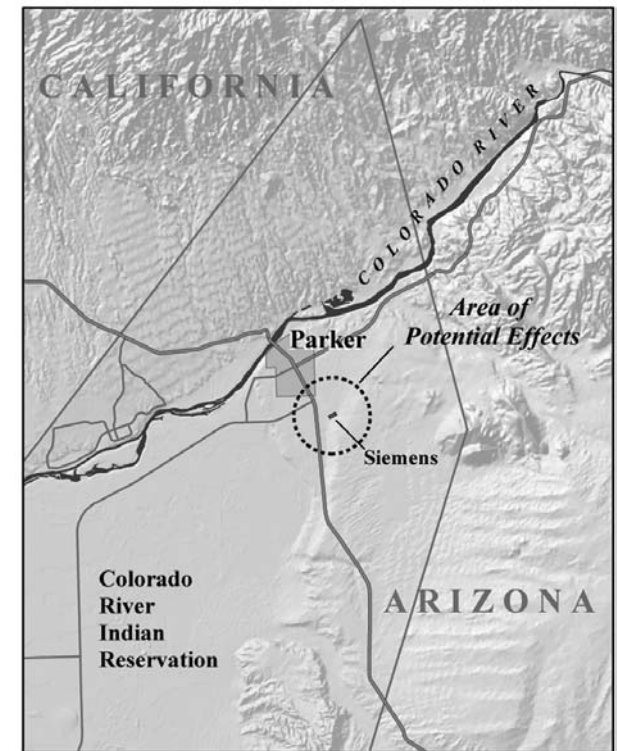
To learn more about the NHPA process and criteria for identifying historic properties and adverse effects you may access Citizen's Guide to Section 106 Review at www.achp.gov/citizensguide.html and How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation at www.cr.nps.gov/nr/publications/bulletins/nrb15/. You may also obtain these documents by contacting EPA or visiting the public repositories (see below).

Next Steps

EPA must take possible adverse effects to historic properties into consideration in making its permit decision. If EPA determines that there are no historic properties within the Area of Potential Effects, or that a Siemens permit decision will not cause adverse effects to any historic properties, then EPA will issue a public notice making this determination, and this will complete the NHPA process. If EPA determines that there are historic properties within the Area of Potential Effects and that a Siemens permit decision may cause adverse effects to the historic properties, then EPA will consult with the consulting parties to determine whether mitigation measures are necessary. EPA will then issue a public notice either proposing mitigation measures, or making a determination that mitigation measures are not necessary.

We are interested in any information you may have on historic properties within the Area of Potential Effects

If you have information on historic properties within the Area of Potential Effects, including possible adverse effects from a Siemens permit decision to the historic properties, please let EPA know **by April 12, 2007**. Any information you submit will become part of the public record. However, if there is information that you would like to provide, but that you believe should remain confidential either for your anonymity or to protect the historic property, please contact us by phone, and we will explore options for keeping the information confidential. You may contact EPA



at any time during the process to advise us of concerns or comments you may have regarding the NHPA process at Siemens.

To comment, or for more information, you may write, email, or call Mary Blevins at:

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A detailed map and additional documents regarding the steps leading up to this determination are available at public repositories at the Parker Public Library and the Colorado River Indian Tribes Museum. You may also obtain these documents and information, as well as information about Siemens and the National Historic Preservation Act by contacting EPA at the address or phone number to the right, and at EPA's website at <http://www.epa.gov/region9/waste/siemens/>.