



Welcome to the East Mission Flats Site Tour

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EPA and DEQ are committed to protecting human health and the environment. The Superfund cleanup is helping to make the area a cleaner, safer place. Part of the cleanup involves hauling away contaminated material and putting it in repositories to contain it safely. The waste repositories we have now are filling up. New repositories are needed. After a careful review, East Mission Flats has been selected as a repository. The search for more repository sites continues.

Tour Guides:

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Tour Agenda:

- Welcome, tour preview, load shuttles
- See overview of site orientation from Exit 39 off-ramp
- Drive to Institutional Controls Plan (ICP) entrance via Dredge Road
- Unload shuttles at entrance
- See ICP disposal zone, discuss ICP and general operations
- Walk access road, I-90 right of way, main fill area; see contaminated soils
- View wetlands, discuss habitat protection
- Return to Mission via courtesy shuttle, unload
- Observe view from Mission steps, and wrap up

About This Site:

- This site will serve lower Basin cleanups. No other repository exists in this area.
- This site is highly contaminated with the same metal-laden sediment

- being cleaned up throughout the Basin.
- No clean land will be used.
 - This site is not a wetland, although it is near wetlands.
 - The site is shielded from fast flowing water during floods and will not be impacted by the mainstream of the river.
 - The site is accessible from the highway, and won't increase traffic in residential neighborhoods.
 - The site is nearly flat, making construction less costly.
 - This site will serve cleanup needs for more than a decade.
 - This site will support the local community's ICP needs.

Protecting the Environment:

The draft repository design includes measures to protect the environment:

- Controlling erosion.
- Monitoring groundwater and surface water.
- Controlling dust.
- Controlling site access.
- Reducing visibility with natural buffer of trees and vegetation.
- Being sensitive to historic importance of this area.
- Monitoring by archaeological expert.
- Monitoring of views from Cataldo Mission.
- Capping with clean material when complete, to offer a safe and clean surface for re-use.

Please Send in Your Comments on the Design.

Comments Due July 6.

Public comments on the "30% Design" document are due July 6. E-mail or mail your comments to Ms. Teri Gregory at teri.gregory@deq.idaho.gov, or DEQ, 1410 North Hilton, Boise, ID 83706. View the document at local libraries or on the web at www.deq.idaho.gov/public/comment.cfm (Waste Management Section). You may also submit comments directly through the web site.

An aerial photo and site map are attached.

Thank you for your interest and participation.