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*Order in not written about expanding the scope after you have thought it over - please discuss with someone - includes C-11*  
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*R. J. [Signature]*

Memorandum

To: State Director  
Thru: Deputy State Director, Lands and Renewable Resources  
From: Chief, Branch of Biological Resources  
Subject: November 29 Meeting with EPA on Atlas Mine

The subject meeting was held to brief BLM on EPA's FY 85 plans to deal with the Atlas Mine Superfund site. Attached is a list of attendees.

Harry Seraydarean, Chief of the Toxics Division, explained that although Atlas is a "Superfund" site, he felt the data that would be acquired during the next study would show the Atlas site was not significantly contributing to the "bigger" problem of sedimentation in the area. He felt an expansion of the scope of the study, addressing the entire area's sedimentation problem, would be beneficial to BLM by providing additional monitoring data which could be used when clean up of the entire problem was addressed by BLM. He stated since EPA was going to "drop out" of the issue because it wasn't really super-fund material, it would look better to the public if we worked together on the bigger problem and expanded the scope of the current study.

The Bakersfield D.O. agreed with EPA. Lois Payne of my staff told EPA that prior to any expansion of the "Superfund" scope, the S.D. and solicitors would need to be briefed and make that decision. At this particular time, the S.O. could not recommend expansion of the scope of the project because there are too many unresolved legal and policy questions to deal with from the BLM viewpoint. Two of these points are (1) is asbestos a health hazard through drinking water, of which EPA does not know and (2) who will be legally responsible for funding any expansion of the scope of the studies outside of the Atlas Mine Area.

BLM left the meeting with agreement that we would review the scope of work and notify EPA if we wanted to limit the study to the "Atlas Mine" or expand it to the larger problem.

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Memorandum

To: Director (690)

From: State Director

Subject: Designated Hazardous Waste Site by EPA as a Superfund Site,  
Atlas Asbestos Mine

*Handwritten:*  
10/12/83

The enclosed report includes information on the Atlas Asbestos Mine, whose tailings are on public lands. The Mine site is in the National Superfund list for study and cleanup by EPA. The site is in the Coalinga Area, Hollister Resource Area, Bakersfield District Office. The National Superfund list is prepared by EPA to identify the sites where critical hazardous waste materials are having or may have immediate adverse effects on human health and therefore demand attention and cleanup.

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Payne  
10-12-83  
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We have contacted the EPA and will meet with them concerning this site on October 13, 1983. The intent of our meeting will be to assure BLM's involvement in site specific actions now underway, or that are proposed. We will keep you informed on the results of our meeting and what actions we will take. If you have any questions please contact either Buz Kennedy, Chief, Branch of Biological Resources or Lois Payne, SO Air and Hazardous Waste Coordinator.

*Handwritten signature:* Ed Hartage

Enclosure

cc: WO 101  
WO 200  
DSD, Mineral Resources  
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