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## **EPA announces the USS Lead Superfund site will be on list of sites targeted for immediate, intense attention**

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CHICAGO (Dec. 8, 2017) – Today, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency named the USS Lead Superfund site in East Chicago, Ind. to the list of Superfund sites that Administrator Pruitt has targeted for immediate and intense attention. The 21 sites on the list – from across the United States – are in direct response to the [Superfund Task Force Recommendations](#), issued this summer, calling for this list.

“By elevating these sites we are sending a message that EPA is, in fact, restoring its Superfund program to its rightful place at the center of the Agency’s mission,” said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. “Getting toxic land sites cleaned up and revitalized is of the utmost importance to the communities across the country that are affected by these sites. I have charged the Superfund Task Force staff to immediately and intently develop plans for each of these sites to ensure they are thoughtfully addressed with urgency. By getting these sites cleaned up, EPA will continue to focus on ways we can directly improve public health and the environment for people across America.”

In April, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt visited the USS Lead Superfund site and heard directly from residents affected by similar contamination in their community. The same month, EPA reached an agreement with several potentially responsible parties to provide an additional \$16 million for cleanup at residential properties on the USS Lead Superfund site. This year, EPA removed contaminated soil from about 200 residential properties and provided dust cleanups inside about 50 homes located on the USS Lead Superfund site. The Administrator pledged during his visit that federal, state and local partners will continue to coordinate on current and future cleanup activities at contaminated sites in East Chicago.



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In developing this initial list, EPA considered sites that will benefit from Administrator Pruitt's direct engagement and have identifiable actions to protect human health and the environment. These are sites requiring timely resolution of specific issues to expedite cleanup and redevelopment efforts. The list is designed to spur action at sites where opportunities exist to act quickly and comprehensively. The Administrator will receive regular updates on each of these sites.

The list is intended to be dynamic. Sites will move on and off the list as appropriate. At times, there may be more or fewer sites based on where the Administrator's attention and focus is most needed. There is no commitment of additional funding associated with a site's inclusion on the list.

EPA remains dedicated to addressing risks at all Superfund sites, not just those on the list. The [Task Force Recommendations](#) are aimed at expediting cleanup at all Superfund sites and Administrator Pruitt has set the expectation that there will be a renewed focus on accelerating work and progress at all Superfund sites across the country.

The Task Force, whose work is ongoing, has five overarching goals:

- Expediting cleanup and remediation;
- Reinvigorating cleanup and reuse efforts by potentially responsible parties;
- Encouraging private investment to facilitate cleanup and reuse;
- Promoting redevelopment and community revitalization; and
- Engaging with partners and stakeholders.

The Task Force will provide the public with regular updates as it makes progress on the Administrator's Emphasis list and other Task Force activities

The list of sites can be found [here](#).

For more information about the USS Lead Superfund site, please visit:

<https://www.epa.gov/uss-lead-superfund-site>



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