



Leviathan Mine Superfund Site Overview & History

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Welcome!

- Introduction and Background
- Superfund Process
- Cleanup Progress
- Combining Remedial and Removal Work on Leviathan
- Upcoming Activities

Leviathan Mine Superfund Site



Summary

Abandoned copper and sulfur mine

- Underground mining for copper – late 1800s
- Underground mining for sulfur – early 1900s
- Open pit mining for sulfur – mid 1900s

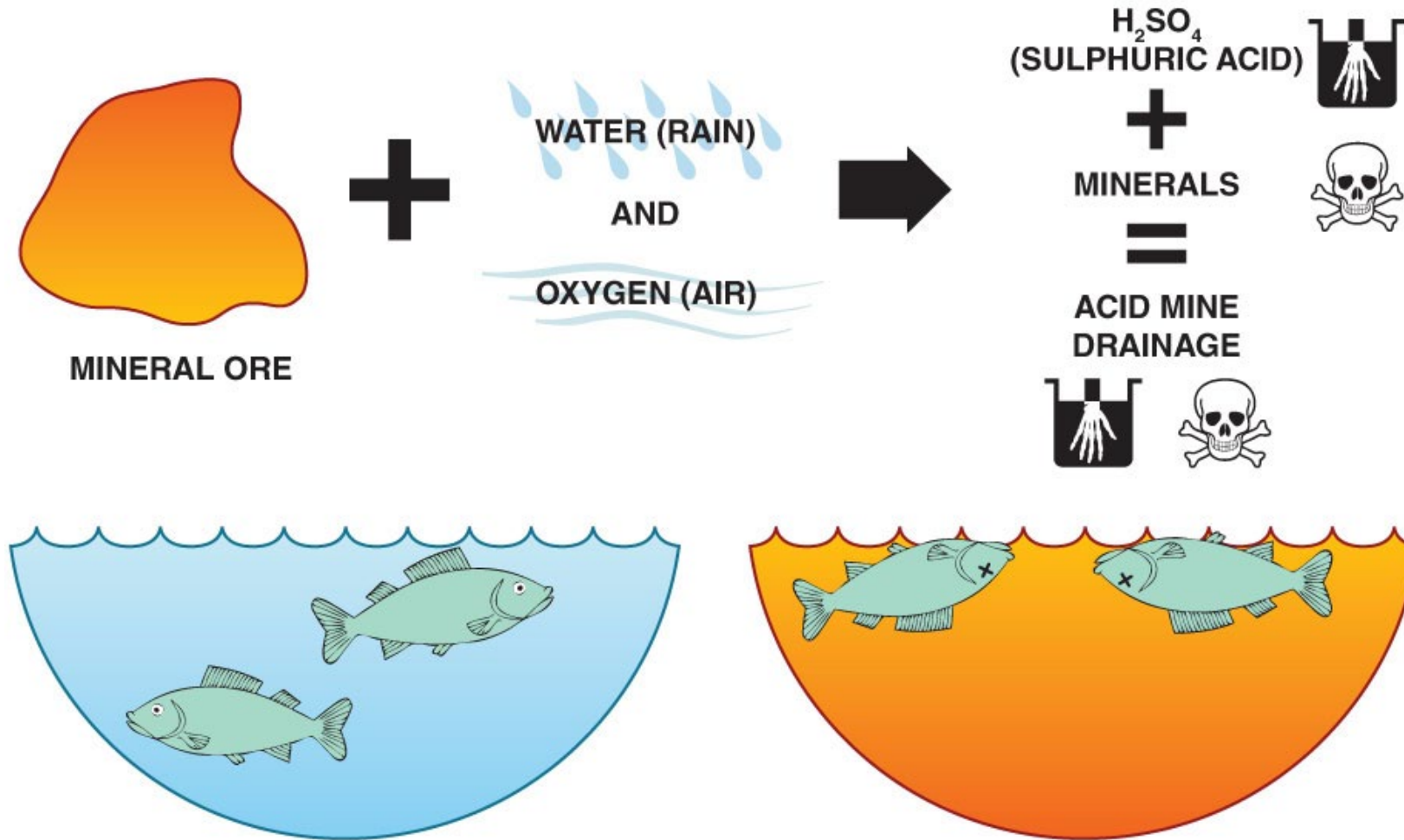
250 acres of disturbed areas

22 million tons of waste rock, overburden, and sub-economic ore

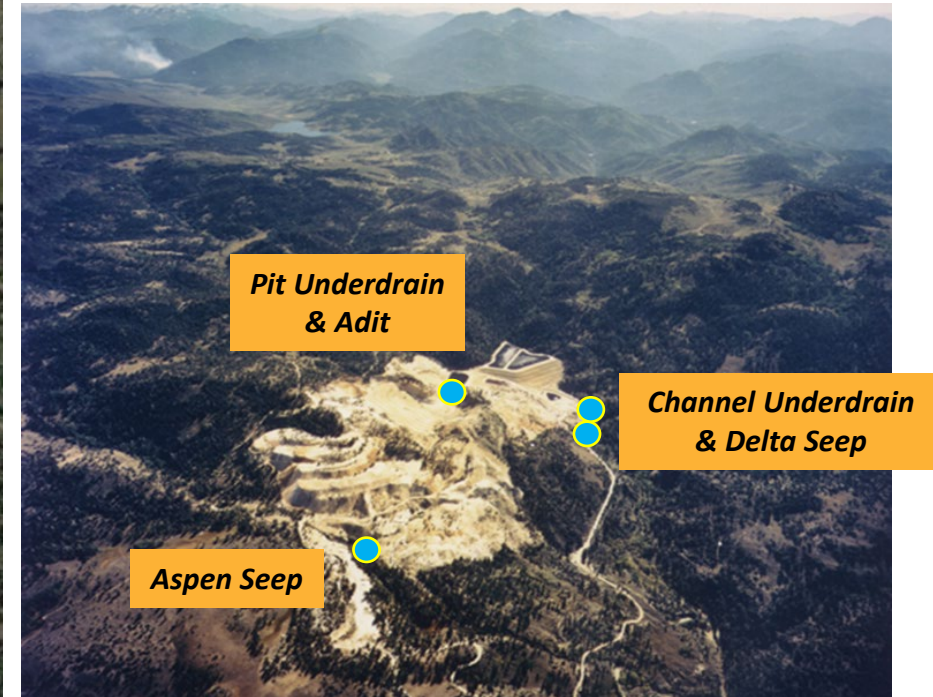
Responsible Parties with EPA oversight

- Atlantic Richfield Company
- State of California

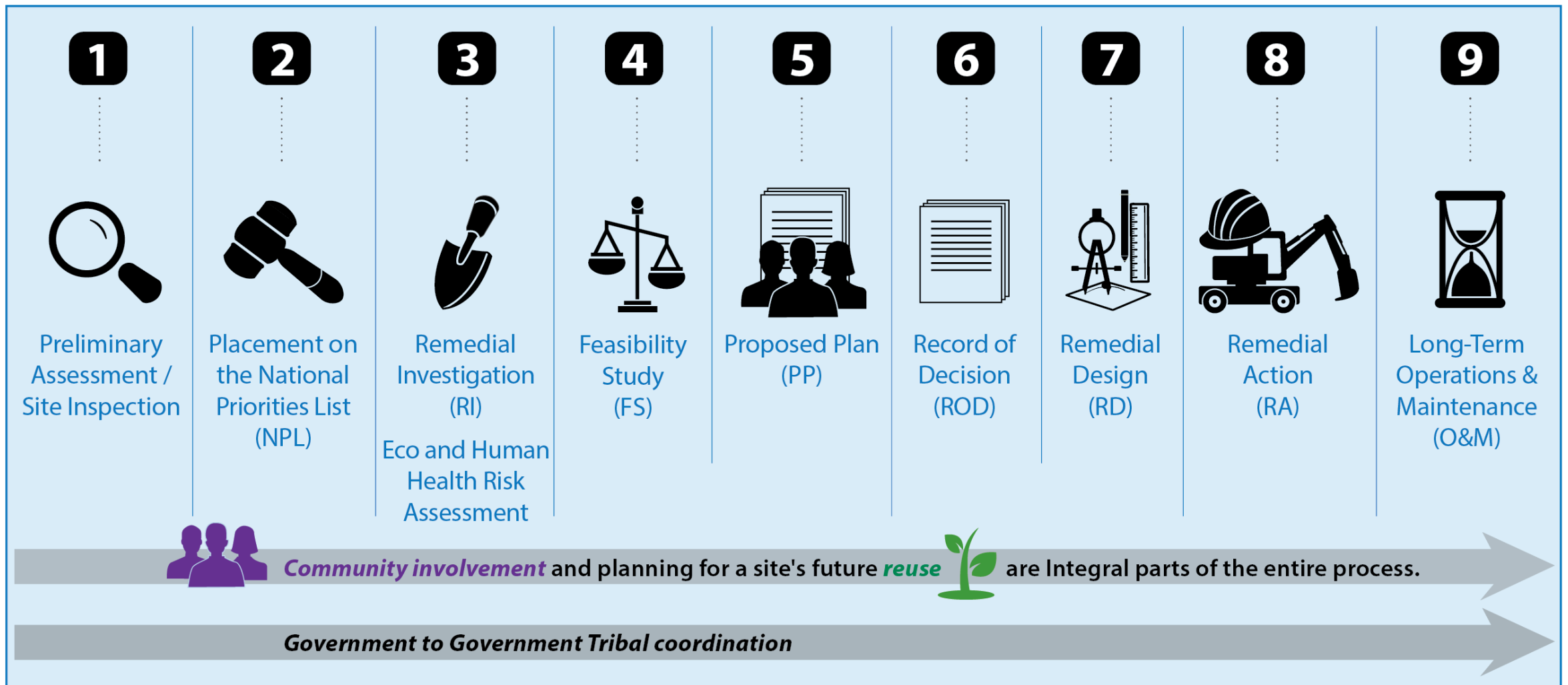
Acid Mine Drainage



Acid Drainage Treatment



The Superfund Process



SUPERFUND REMOVAL PROCESSES

TIME-CRITICAL REMOVAL - SIX-MONTH PLANNING PERIOD AVAILABLE

Assessment



Discovery/
Notification of
Contamination



Removal
Site
Evaluation



Removal Action
Determination

Removal



Action
Memorandum



Removal
Planning



Removal
Action

Post-Removal



Post-Removal
Site Control
(if needed)



Additional
Site Evaluation
(if needed)

NON-TIME-CRITICAL REMOVAL - GREATER THAN SIX-MONTH PLANNING PERIOD AVAILABLE

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Engineering
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Cost Analysis



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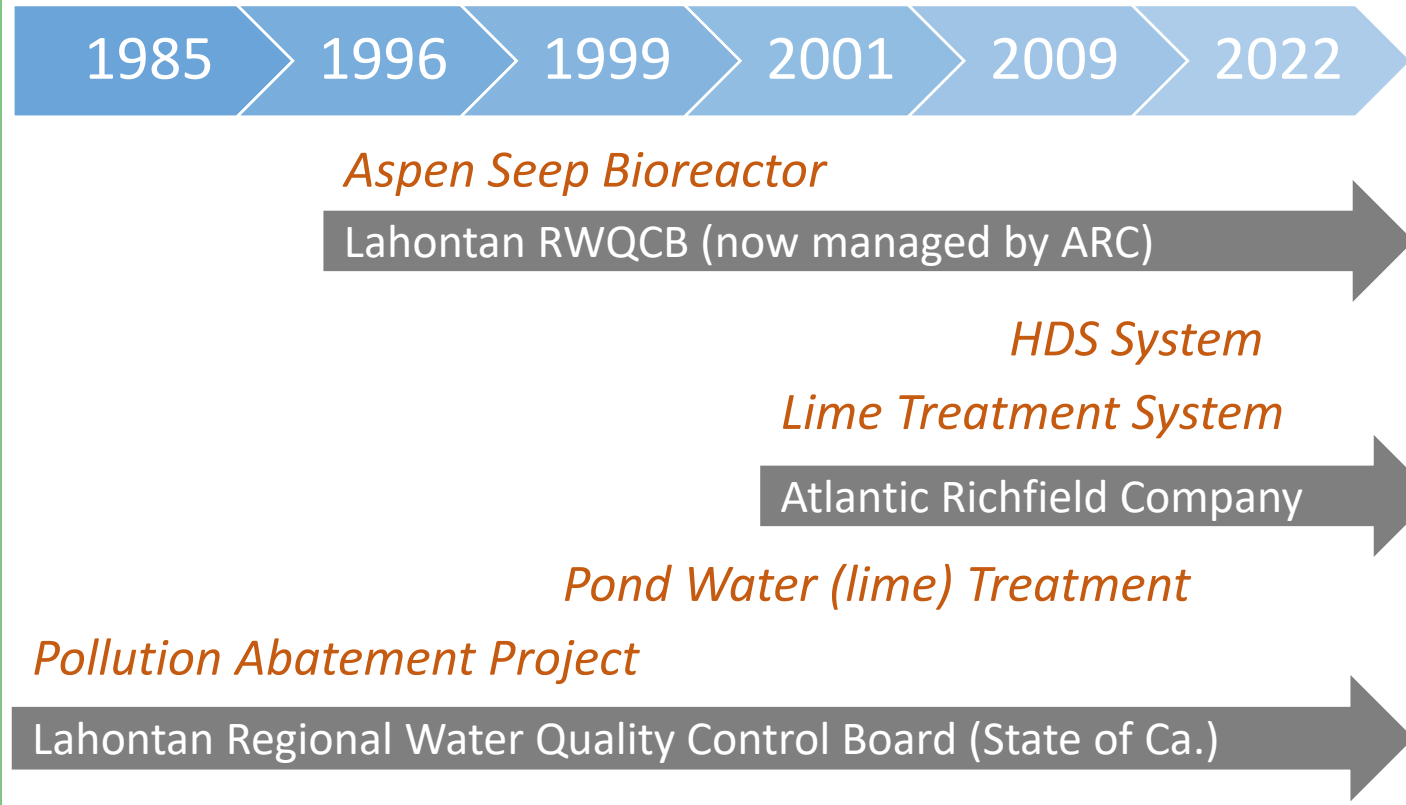
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Community involvement is integral to the entire process

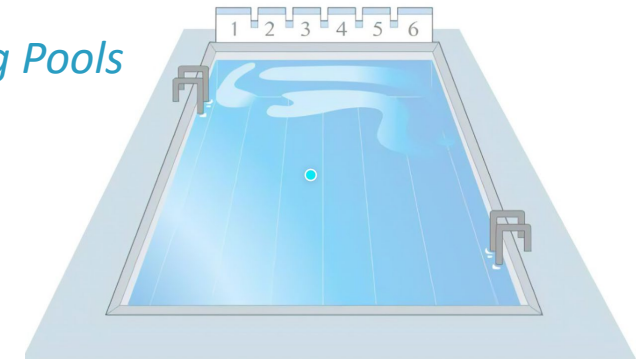
Ongoing Early Response Actions Superfund **REMOVALS**



Cleanup Progress

Superfund REMOVALS

~ 570 Olympic Swimming Pools



Treatment System Achievements 1999-2021

	CA RWQCB	ARC	TOTAL	
Water Treated	166,053,904	210,645,233	376,699,137	Gallons
Aluminum Removed	570,900	79,046	649,946	Pounds
Arsenic Removed	8,751	438	9,189	Pounds
Iron Removed	891,872	343,352	1,235,224	Pounds
Nickel Removed	9,297	1,783	11,080	Pounds



REMEDIAL

Stream Bioassessment Monitoring Sampling, Analysis, and Reporting (UC Santa Barbara and US EPA)

Site-Wide RI/FS Work Plans, Sampling, Analysis, Reporting

Mine-Impacted Water (AMD) ACTIONS

Leviathan Creek Ponding Action

Mine Impacted Water – Early FINAL Remedial Action Decisions

REMOVAL

Aspen Seep Bioreactor

Lime Treatment System & HDS System

Pollution Abatement Project & Pond Water (lime) Treatment

* RI/FS = Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study
 * FFS = Focused Feasibility Study
 * RA = Remedial Action

What is Next?

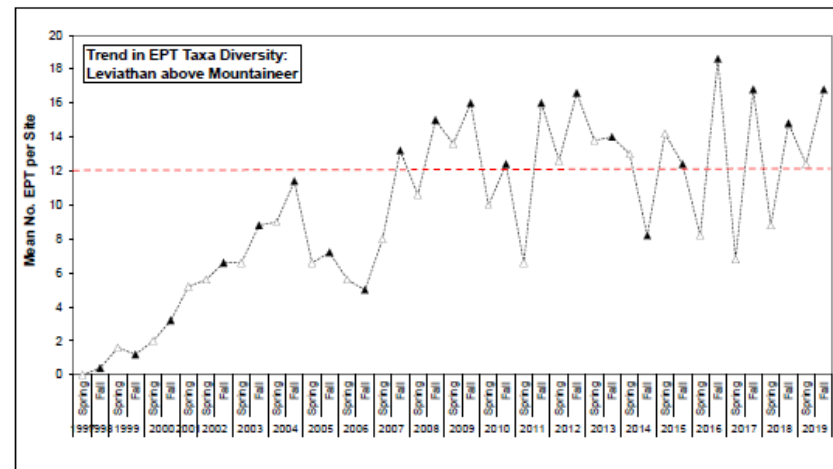
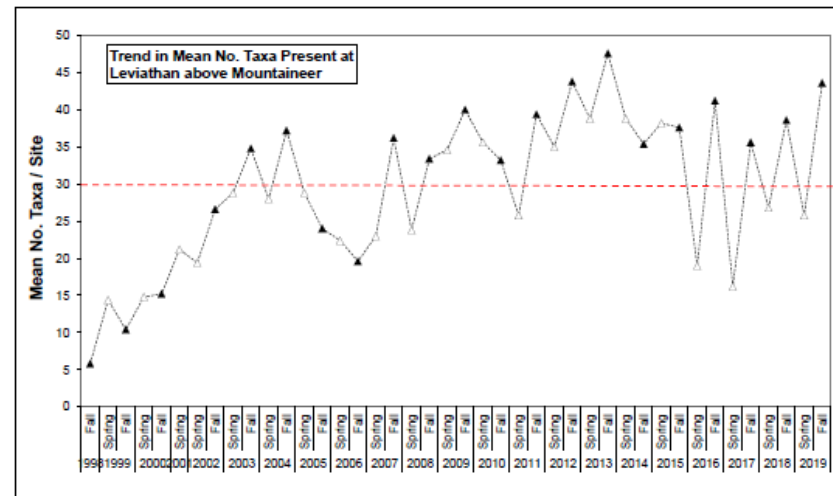
Decision: Year-round Capture and Treatment of AMD

Site-Wide Remedial Investigation Results

Update to EPA Community Involvement Plan

Biomonitoring and Stream Health

- Overall trend of recovery in Leviathan Creek, above Mountaineer Creek
- Seasonal relapse patterns which coincide with end of seasonal treatment operations (2 of 5 sources discharge directly to creek November – April)



1998 – 2019: Trends in mean number of taxa, and EPT (sensitive) taxa diversity

Biomonitoring and Stream Health

- Visual evidence of seasonal treatment effectiveness at confluence of Leviathan and Mountaineer Creeks

Prior to seasonal treatment



During seasonal treatment



First Final Remedial Action

Year-Round Capture & Treatment of Major Sources of Acid Mine Drainage

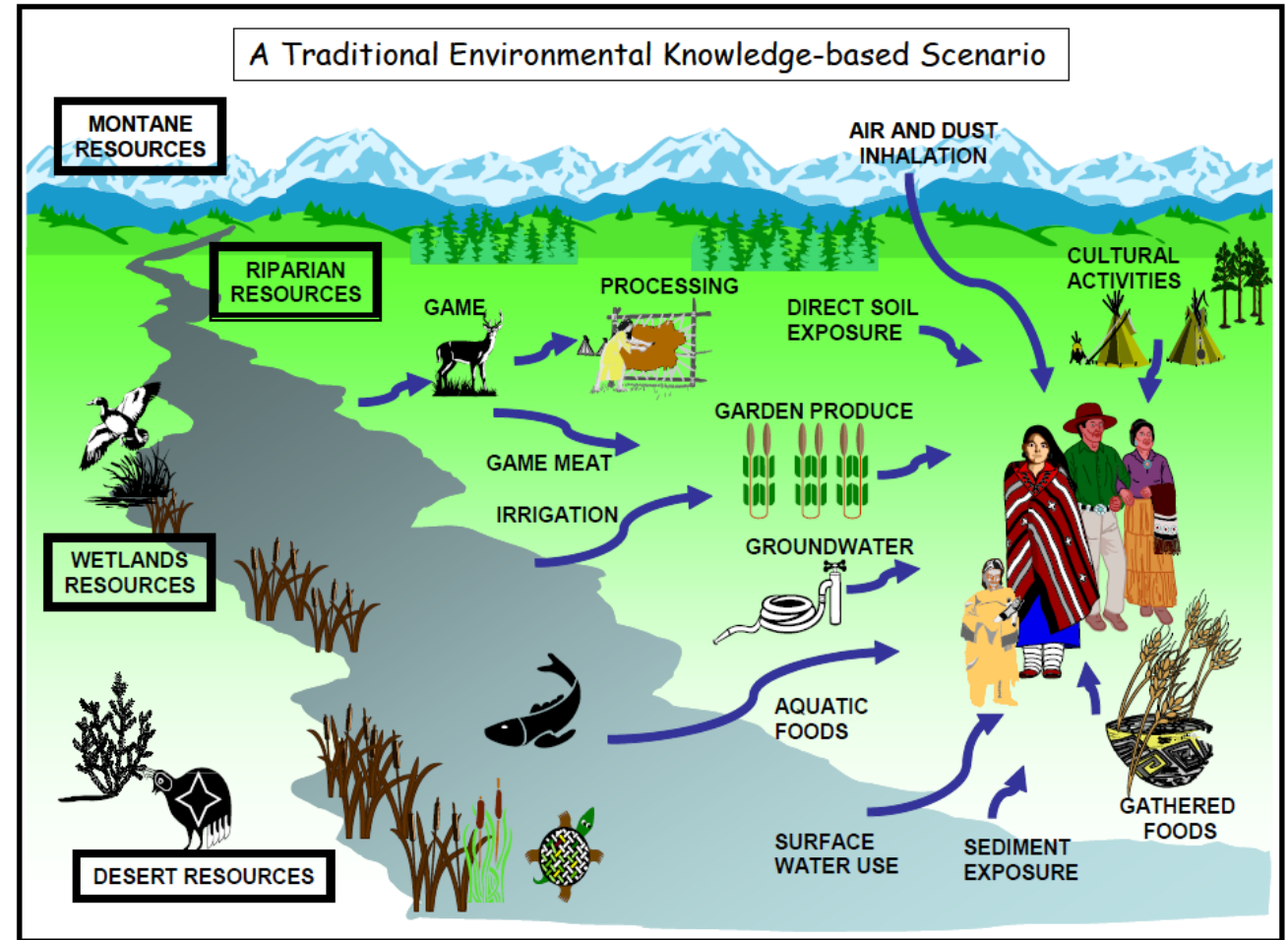
- Uses information from site-specific pilot studies and 20+ years of data collection
- EPA will initiate formal Consultation with Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California
- Public will be invited to comment on **Proposed Plan**
- EPA will respond to Public Comments and issue a **Record of Decision**
- The Responsible Parties and EPA will negotiate a legal agreement for the parties to design and implement the selected remedy: **Remedial Design** and **Remedial Action**

Additional Activities: 2023-2024

Review and Comment on Site-Wide Results

- *Remedial Investigation Report*
- *Baseline Human Health Risk Assessment*
- *Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment*

Update to EPA's Community Involvement Plan





Thank You

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