

International Smelter (Carr-Fork)

Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) fully understands that the proposed transmission line alignment passes through the International Smelter Superfund Site (Carr-Fork) located on the east bench of Tooele County. Rocky Mountain Power has been working with the U.S. EPA, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR), and the property owners who are responsible for administering controls on the property over the last several months to develop a plan which minimizes impacts to the residual contamination on the property.

The Record of Decision issued for the International Smelter Superfund Site identifies previously implemented reclamation and removal actions which included the capping and removal of contaminated soils. The Record of Decision is necessary to protect the public health and welfare of the environment and has established institutional controls to protect the integrity of the previously complete reclamation and removal actions.

Rocky Mountain Power is working closely with those responsible for adhering to the Record of Decision and fully recognizes there will be strict requirements for constructing the transmission line in the International Smelter Superfund Site. One of the main objectives for this alignment is to ensure that the proposed alignment will not impact the capped areas and that objective has been met as shown in Figure 1. The second objective is to ensure that construction of the transmission line is completed in accordance with all requirements set forth by RMP, U.S. EPA, UDWR, and the property owners which will establish methods and procedures to minimize exposure to remaining contamination on the site. As these methods and procedures are currently in the development stages, the following are already established requirements:

1. All excess excavated soils within the International Smelter Site will be transported to a designated on-site repository.
2. Structures and access roads will be placed so as to avoid sensitive features, including, but not limited to, wetlands, riparian zones, water courses, hazardous substance remediation and cultural sites. Avoidance measures may include selective tower placement, spanning sensitive features, or realigning access routes. Within the limits of standard tower design, structures will be located as to allow conductors to clearly span identified sensitive features.
3. Where work will occur on Superfund sites listed on the NPL, proponent must seek prior approval from EPA. Work on contaminated sites must avoid remedial structures (capped areas, treatment or monitoring wells, etc) and workers must use adequate worker protection measures for working in contaminated areas.

RMP ensures that all construction practices will adhere to the methods and procedures established by Rocky Mountain Power and those entities responsible for implementing the controls.