

APACHE UPDATE

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A newsletter for our boundary neighbors, nearby residents, and other interested people who want to stay actively involved in the workings of Apache Nitrogen Products, Inc.





Apache Nitrogen Products, Inc. Continues Promising Work at Richey Ranch

With the purchase of the 122-acre Richey Ranch in 2017, Apache Nitrogen Products, Inc. continues to restore the site to its original uses. The property had long been a cattle-grazing pasture and pecan orchard. Today, Apache has leased the property to Elquen, LLC, a group associated with the Miller Ranch family in St. David that has considerable experience with farms, orchards, and pasture land. To maintain a consistent presence on the site, an Apache employee now leases the residence at Richey Ranch. An irrigation plan is also being created, which includes an evaluation of the property's numerous wells. Apache hopes to begin irrigation efforts to improve the state of the pastures in Spring 2019, and the goal is to eventually grow and harvest pecans through the lessee as well.



Apache Nitrogen Products, Inc. Concludes 5-Year Environmental Effort With EPA

After five years of active work, with oversight by the EPA, Apache completed its Demolition Plan in the first week of October, 2018. The project demolished and removed 270 buildings, totaling 240,000 square feet, in addition to four miles of narrow-gauge rail. In total, about 7,500 cubic yards of concrete were crushed and

stockpiled – and lead and asbestos from the buildings was fully removed. Soil samples taken in November indicated zero contamination. This delicate and time-consuming project was initiated to protect humans and wildlife habitats in the area. Apache spent considerable financial and physical resources to make this section of its property safe and secure. All demolition was completed without injury.



Apache Nitrogen Products, Inc. Siren System Keeps Our Community Safe

As many Cochise County residents know, Apache has two community alert sirens on its property. The sirens, with a range of two to three miles, activate if levels of hazardous chemicals reach an unhealthy concentration at Apache's boundary lines. Currently, the sirens are tested every Wednesday at 1 p.m. If sirens are heard at any other time, our neighbors should treat the situation as a potential release of hazardous chemical and are advised to stay indoors.

There are two distinct siren sounds: the first is a cycling sound, which is a warning indicator that a hazardous chemical may have exceeded Apache's boundary. The second siren has a monotone sound and signals all is clear. If a cycling siren is heard:

- Be prepared to shelter in place. We have distributed shelter-in-place kits to nearby residents and Apache is happy to supply more to residents if requested.
- Tune into radio station 97.7 FM – Benson KAVV (The Cave) or station 101.7 – Sierra Vista KKYZ for updates provided by Apache or the Sheriff's office.
- Wait to be contacted by Apache via its Community Alert Phone System that will provide instructions. Keep phone lines clear.

We are pleased to have maintained a stellar safety record, with minimal need for the sirens, through the years. This reminder to residents is an extension of our commitment to safety in the community.

Contact for Questions or Comments

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