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Superfund Remediation at Tar Creek

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The Quapaw Nation was the first tribe in the nation to assume the lead over an EPA Superfund site. The Tar Creek Superfund Site is in Northeast Oklahoma, and is a former lead and zinc mine. Closed in the 1960's, Tar Creek was listed on the National Priorities List in 1983. Since that time, more than 35 teragrams of mine tailings have been identified, and the 100 square kilometer site is undergoing active remediation and restoration. Working with landowners, EPA, and state officials, the Nation determines the best approach on a site-by-site basis, so the remediated site can be returned to productive use.

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