



# BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM PROJECT FACT SHEET

## Albemarle Property Silver Peak, Esmeralda County

### SITE BACKGROUND

The site consists of a 1.93-acre portion of Esmeralda County assessor’s parcel number (APN) 002-074-02, a parcel totaling 3.54 acres. At the time of Nevada Brownfields Program involvement, APN 002-074-02 was owned by Chemetall Foote Corporation (a company which was ultimately acquired by Albemarle Corporation). Working with Esmeralda County, Albemarle Corporation donated the 1.93-acre portion to the county upon completion of the Nevada Brownfields Program-funded Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, thereby sub-dividing APN 002-074-02 into two parcels. Esmeralda County’s plan for the 1.93-acre parcel was to develop it with a much-needed public restroom as the Town of Silver Peak did not have any public restrooms available to locals and travelers. Silver Peak Road, which is adjacent to the 1.93-acre parcel, connects Silver Peak to Goldfield and provides travelers access through Esmeralda County to surrounding recreational areas such as the Silver Peak Range, Montezuma Peak Range, White Mountain Peak, Inyo National Forest, and the Boundary Peak Wilderness Area. Mining companies within Silver Peak also require daily deliveries that travel through the town. The construction of the public restroom would be funded by a US Department of Agriculture Rural Development Community Facility Program Grant and Esmeralda County.

### FUNDING

<u>Activity</u>	<u>NBP Funding</u>	<u>Date</u>
Phase I Environmental Site Assessment	\$4,592	2022

### INVESTIGATION

A Phase I ESA was conducted to satisfy EPA’s All Appropriate Inquiries (AAI) requirements to provide Esmeralda County with CERCLA liability protections in relation to the property. The Phase I ESA found the following recognized environmental conditions (RECs) in connection with the property:

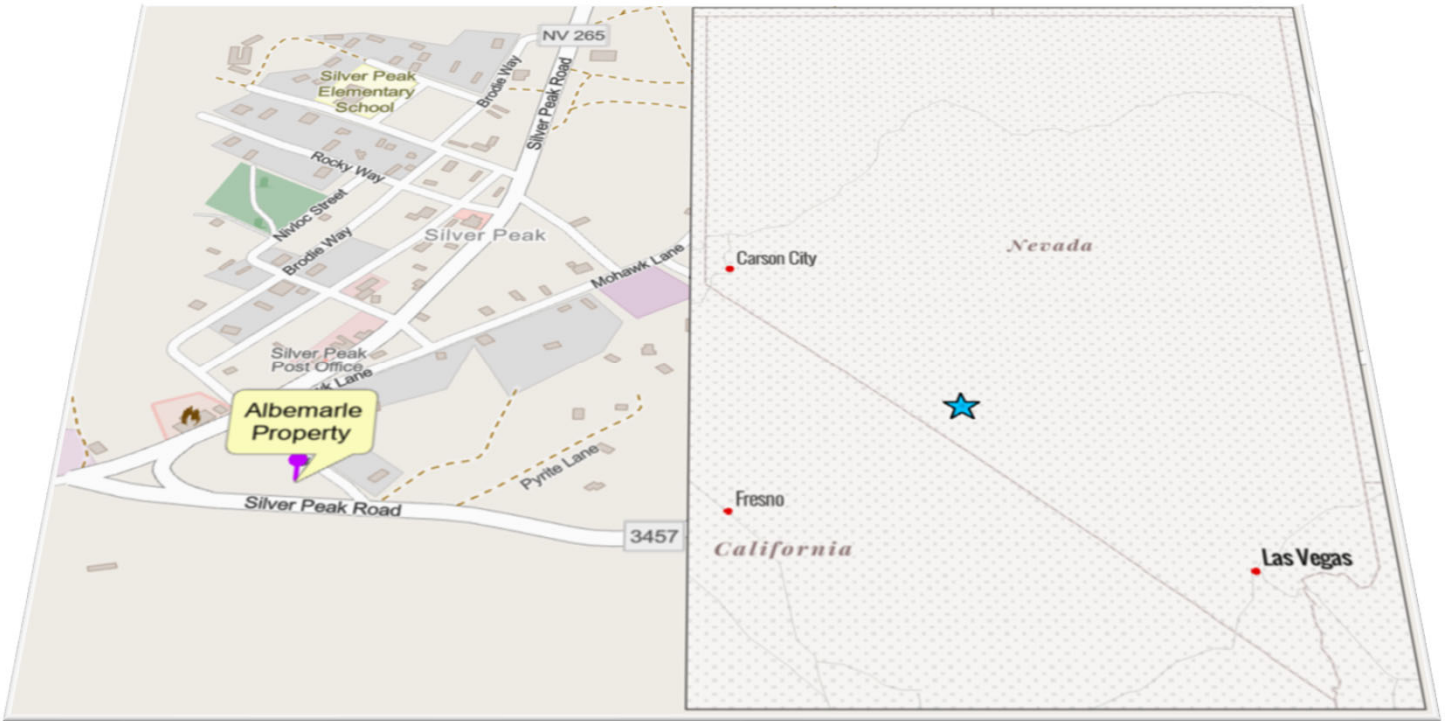
- Evidence of tailings was observed in historical aerial photographs and topographic maps and they appear to have been present on the Subject Property from as early as 1952. The tailings observed in these historical records appeared to have originated from mining activities that had occurred upgradient to the west of the Subject Property. During site reconnaissance, evidence of these tailings appeared to still be present on the property. According to anecdotal evidence, the tailings may have migrated onsite due to floods emanating from mining extraction tanks located upgradient. It is unknown if these tailings were impacted with hazardous constituents.
- Two rusted and damaged drums were observed within the vegetation patches along the southern edge of the property. No staining was observed in the area of the drums; however, the origin of the drums and their original contents were unknown. Accordingly, the presence of contamination associated with these drums could not have been ruled out at the time of the assessment.

### SITE LOCATION

- SW of Cinnabar Way & N of Alkali Rd, Silver Peak, Esmeralda County
- Portion of APN 002-074-02
- 1.93 acres



Based on the RECs, a Phase II ESA was recommended; however, Esmeralda County opted to not conduct a Phase II ESA.



## RESOURCES

To learn more about the Nevada Brownfields Program, visit:  
<https://ndep.nv.gov/environmental-cleanup/brownfields>



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