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ents were less than 1 for all chemicals in all  
fication and management for environmental  
onably resource allocation more for risk

## les in a Former Mining Area in

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is potentially an important route of human  
e and abandoned mining areas. In this study,  
M<sub>2.5</sub> at 3 monitoring sites for 60 consecutive  
three sites were varying distances from the  
arios. Energy-dispersive x-ray fluorescence  
e trace element concentrations. Mean mass  
coarse (PM<sub>10</sub>-PM<sub>2.5</sub>) particles (p=0.0002)  
ations of lead significantly decreased with  
coarse (7.6 vs. 3.0 vs. 1.0 ng/m<sup>3</sup>, p<0.0001)  
ns. A similar trend was also determined for  
ntified 5 major sources for PM<sub>2.5</sub>: coal-fired  
oil (5%), vegetative/biomass burning (2%),  
nd Zn were associated with mining waste.  
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tly across the 3 sites (p<0.0001) for both  
onclusion, mining waste was identified as  
s suggesting that wind-borne transport is  
mining-related metals.

## g from Lead-Based Paint and/ f Leaded Gasoline?

tempel School of Public Health,

e the magnitude of environmental lead

Miami Inner City Area and involved the  
ow wells, tap water, soil and air. Onsite  
children under the age of 6 years. The  
in situ via XRF analysis.  
ad the most abundant occurrence of lead.  
es with lead levels above Department of  
the soil samples, the playgrounds around

the house had the highest concentration of lead. Soil sampling demonstrated that 27.5% of sites  
returned samples with lead levels (400ppm to 1600ppm) in excess of HUD/EPA standards. Positive  
XRF readings in one or more components were returned by 18% of sites.

Conclusions: More than half of the houses in these neighborhoods exhibited unacceptably high  
levels of lead dust and soil in areas where children live and play. With regard to education about  
the hazards of exposure to lead, attention should be drawn to the lead coming from the lead-  
based paint and the lead in the soil contaminated during the time leaded gasoline was used since  
it stays in the environment for about 3,000 years. A more comprehensive study including other  
areas of Miami Dade County with older housing stock and areas along the major streets and  
highways is recommended.

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### Potential Radiation Exposures to Residents of New Mexico from the World's First Test of a Nuclear Device (Trinity Site, July 16, 1945)

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The test of the first plutonium-based nuclear weapon was conducted 140 miles south of the  
Los Alamos National Laboratory on July 16, 1945. As part of the Centers for Disease Control  
and Prevention's ongoing Los Alamos Historical Document Retrieval and Assessment project,  
information has been collected relevant to environmental impacts of the explosion and potential  
exposures received by residents of the areas around the Trinity site from the ~20 kiloton blast, the  
resulting radioactive cloud, and deposition of radioactivity. There was much uncertainty among the  
Los Alamos scientists and Manhattan Project officials as to the nuclear device's effectiveness and  
environmental impacts. Members of the public were not evacuated in advance of, or following,  
the highly secret test. Numerous ranches existed in the area, some of which were not known to  
government officials, and grazing areas and agricultural lands with truck crops were in the fallout  
area. The terrain and air flow patterns in the area resulted in a number of "hot spots." Documents  
collected revealed that seven two-man monitoring teams traversed local roads in the hours after  
the explosion and recorded their findings. The highest activity was found in an area 12 miles long  
and 1 mile wide that extended from the town of White Store across Chupadera Mesa, within which  
exposure rates around 15 R/h were measured near known ranches three hours after detonation.  
The results of our review indicate that inhalation and ingestion of radioactive fallout likely raised  
residents' exposures to levels that would currently exceed government standards.

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