

Mexico's Pollution Ruins U.S. Border Town

In the southern California border town of Calexico, contamination due to Mexico's nonexistent environmental law enforcement means that residents must cope with a constant influx of sewage that includes feces, industrial chemicals, and other toxic waste from New River, which travels five miles into their water supply from Mexicali Valley.

It's been found that the river is a source of pathogens which cause various human illnesses, including but not limited to cholera, encephalitis, hepatitis, polio, tuberculosis, and typhoid. For the town's forty thousand residents, the situation is dire to say the least.

The federal government has forked over in excess of \$30M to cover sanitation projects on Mexico's side, in order to reduce water toxicity prior to reaching the U.S., while the state of California has been forced to pitch in with an additional unbudgeted \$12M and counting.

