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NOTICE OF DRAFT REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN PROPOSING NO FURTHER ACTION FOR UPPER BASIN AREA, 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND OPEN HOUSE WYLE LABORATORIES SITE, NORCO

What Is Being Proposed?

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comments on a draft no further action plan, called a draft No Further Action Remedial Action Plan (NFARAP) for the Upper Basin of the former Wyle Laboratories site. The draft NFARAP, prepared specifically for the Upper Basin, describes previous investigations, investigation results, and prior remedial cleanup actions that lead to the selected remedial action of "No Further Action" for the Upper Basin. Wyle Labs, located at 1841 Hillside Avenue, in Norco, occupies about 429 acres of mostly undeveloped land. Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC proposes a Notice of Exemption (NOE) as no impact to human health and the environment is anticipated.

Wyle Labs is a former defense, aerospace and consumer-product testing facility that operated from the late 1950s until 2004. Wyle Labs tested products and materials for the defense, aerospace and consumer products industries. The site was divided into operational areas, typically consisting of one or more small buildings and/or outdoor testing areas built for specific kinds of tests. The majority of the buildings were demolished with only a few structures currently remaining at the site. The site is currently inactive. Hazardous substances such as chlorinated solvents, petroleum hydrocarbons, explosives, and rocket motor fuels were handled and used during operations. These uses resulted in localized releases of hazardous substances into soil and groundwater.

The Wyle property was divided into three areas: the Upper Basin, the Lower Basin, and the Northwest Area. The 212-acre Upper Basin is located on the easternmost portion of the site and comprised of the semi-isolated drainage basin that drains the surrounding hills and knobs. Multiple phases of subsurface investigations, followed by soil remedial actions in the past have successfully rendered residual contaminants in both soil and groundwater to the highest beneficial use, namely unrestricted land use for the Upper Basin. In accordance with the Health and Safety Code, DTSC is required to document its cleanup decisions by preparing a Remedial Action Plan. Since the site is divided between Upper and Lower Basins and the Upper Basin does not require any additional remediation of soil and/or groundwater, a NFARAP is required. Accordingly, no additional remedial action, beyond what was conducted to date is required for the Upper Basin and therefore the selected remedial action for the Upper Basin is "No Further Action".

Why This Notice and Where to Find More Detailed Information

This notice provides the public an opportunity to learn more about the site and submit public comments on the draft NFARAP. The 30-day public comment period begins **April 16, and ends May 15, 2009**. Public comments must be postmarked or e-mailed no later than **May 15, 2009**, and sent to: Mr. Rafat Abbasi, P.E., DTSC Project Manager, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630-4732, E-mail: rabbasi@dtsc.ca.gov. The draft NFARAP, NOE and other site related documents are available for public review at the DTSC office noted above, and at the Information Repositories listed below. Please contact Julie Johnson at (714) 484-5337 for an appointment if viewing information at DTSC.

Corona Norco Library
Heritage Room
650 S. Main Street
Corona, CA 92882-3417
(951) 736-2381

Center for Community Action
& Environmental Justice (CCA EJ)
7701 Mission Boulevard
Glen Avon, CA 92509-2925
(951) 360-8451
Call for an appointment

Norco City Hall
Community Development Department
2870 Clark Avenue
Norco, CA 92860-1903
(951) 735-3900

How You Can Participate and Who to Contact For More Information

DTSC invites you to an Open House to meet with you, receive your comments and discuss project concerns. Join us **Tuesday, May 5, 2009**, from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, at the Corona-Norco Unified School District, Learning Center North, 2820 Clark Avenue, Norco, 92860. For questions about the Wyle Labs project, project please contact Rafat Abbasi, P.E., DTSC Project Manager at (714) 484-5449 or Stacey Lear, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (714) 484-5354 or toll free 1-888-877-5378. Notice to Hearing Impaired: You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 (TDD) or send a request to contact Stacey Lear at the number above regarding the Wyle Labs site.