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### NOTICE OF DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN AND 30 DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD WYLE LABORATORIES SITE, NORCO, CALIFORNIA

#### What Is Being Proposed?

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comments on a proposed cleanup plan to excavate, remove, and dispose of contaminated soil from the former Wyle Laboratories (Wyle Labs) site. The proposed cleanup plan, called a draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) is an interim measure and not the final cleanup remedy for the site. 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 the proposed actions will not significantly impact human health or the environment.

The site 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.

During DTSC's remedial investigation, several small localized areas of soil impact were identified at levels above site remedial goals. To address these areas, the draft RAW proposes to excavate contaminated soil from three areas: 1) lead-impacted soil from Area J14; 2) polychlorinated bi-phenyl (PCB) impacted soil from Area J11; and, 3) perchlorate-impacted soil from Area J11. The total amount of excavated soil is estimated at 105 cubic yards. Proposed soil excavation will require less than 10 days to complete. Confirmation sampling will be conducted after excavation to ensure the contamination is removed and remedial goals are achieved. Contaminant impacts to groundwater are currently being evaluated. A cleanup plan to address impacted groundwater will be available in the near future.

#### 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 RAW. The 30-day public comment period begins May 1, and ends May 31, 2008. Public comments must be postmarked or e-mailed no later than May 31, 2008, and sent to: Mr. Rafat Abbasi, DTSC Project Manager, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630-4732, E-mail: [rabbasi@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:rabbasi@dtsc.ca.gov). The draft RAW, 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 Do I 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 Monday, May 12, 2008, 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, 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.