



DTSC Continues 3518 Hiawatha Way Investigation Antelope, California

Fact Sheet

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DTSC Announces Results of Phase I and II Investigations; Will Start Additional Sampling in April

INTRODUCTION

The California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), in response to contacts from residents that hazardous substances might be present in and around homes, conducted both a Phase I and Phase II investigation which included sampling for various chemicals in a yard, garage, and indoor air at 3518 Hiawatha Way in Antelope, Sacramento County. DTSC also interviewed other residents in the neighborhood, conducted visual inspection of 11 additional homes, and has finished a report of its findings entitled "**Report of Findings for Phase 1 and Phase 2 Investigations at 3518 Hiawatha Way, Antelope**" (Report of Findings).

NO IMMEDIATE HEALTH THREAT FOUND

DTSC has concluded that there is no immediate health risk from exposure to hazardous substances at 3518 Hiawatha Way based on the sampling conducted.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What chemicals were found and what does their presence mean?

Chemicals found at low levels included those commonly associated with gasoline (benzene and xylenes) and others associated with solvents and degreasers. Some chemicals were detected at levels in the soil which warrant further investigation to determine possible sources.

Analysis of one indoor air sample showed benzene, chloroform, methylene chloride, and trichloroethene were present at levels which might pose an increase in health risks if persons were exposed over a lifetime.

2. Why were chemicals detected at all?

Many of the chemicals detected would be expected to be found in homes at the concentrations measured at 3518 Hiawatha, especially in and around the garage of a house where emissions from cars (gasoline and exhaust) and other stored household chemicals are found. However, DTSC has not located a source or an explanation for chemicals found in the soil. Again, these chemicals are not at levels posing an immediate health risk.

3. Does DTSC plan any further investigation?

Yes, DTSC plans additional investigation to better explain why some chemicals are being detected. DTSC has developed a sampling plan which calls for sampling at deeper levels in the soil, around the sewer line, in the front yard and back yard at 3518 Hiawatha Way. The sampling work will be done later in April over two to three days. DTSC anticipates having preliminary results available within sixty days. Also, DTSC will be examining aerial photographs from a variety of sources to try to determine potential past waste disposal practices.

4. *Will DTSC sample at other houses on Hiawatha and Sun Maiden?*

DTSC will sample soil to about ten feet in depth in the front yard at 3547 Hiawatha Way where a buried truck tire was found in the past. Also, DTSC plans to take soil samples to about ten feet in depth from the front yard at 3656 Sun Maiden Way because the ground is settling in that area and the home's floor has some unknown stains.

Notice to Hearing Impaired Individuals:

TDD users can obtain additional information about the 3518 Hiawatha Way investigation by using the California State Relay Service (1-888-877-5378) and asking to reach Nathan Schumacher at (916) 255-3650.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

DTSC will continue to keep interested persons informed by fact sheets, phone, and other means, as information becomes available.

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INFORMATION REPOSITORY

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