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GE Inspection and Repair Service Center Site Anaheim, California



SOIL REMOVAL AND CLEANUP SCHEDULED TO BEGIN

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This fact sheet describes the plan to clean up chemicals in the soil at the General Electric (GE) International, Inc. Inspection and Repair Service Center at 3601 East La Palma Avenue in Anaheim, California. The chemicals in the soil are called PCBs, or polychlorinated biphenyls. The PCBs need to be removed because they may pose a threat to human health or the environment. The cleanup is scheduled to begin in late September.

Our agency is the Department of Toxic Substances Control. Our role is to oversee the investigation and cleanup of the site. The cleanup team is made up of our agency, the site owners (GE International), and their contractors. GE International is paying for the investigation and cleanup. They have hired contractors to perform the actual work.

PCBs were found in the soil at the ground surface, and just below the surface, in a part of the site known as "Area of Concern 3," or AOC-3. The chemicals were at a level that could have posed a risk if people were in contact with the soil over a long period of time.

We sent out a fact sheet in June 2002 describing what was found in the soil and the proposed plan for cleaning it up. We put out the plan for public review and comment for a 60-day period then held a public hearing. After the review period was over, we granted final approval of the cleanup plan.

WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE PLANNED?

The plan is to excavate (dig up) and haul away about 775 cubic yards of soil. The area to be dug up is roughly 20,750 square feet and is along the eastern boundary of the GE facility, within an Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) railroad right-of-way.

The contractors will begin the excavation on or about Monday, September 29, 2003. Work will take place between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and is expected to take about three weeks to complete. They will remove the soil with a surface grader, place it into stockpiles, and then put it into licensed waste transport trucks to be taken to an approved disposal facility in Kettleman City, California.

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The first six inches of soil will be scraped off from the entire area. They will also remove soil from depths ranging from 1½ to 3 feet in areas where the chemicals are deeper in the soil.

About 55 truck trips will be needed to take away all the soil. After the work is completed, they will take soil samples in the areas that were excavated to make sure that they have met the cleanup goals. Then they will backfill the excavation areas with clean soil.

DEALING WITH NOISE, DUST, AND DISTURBANCE DURING THE CLEANUP

The contractors will take the following actions to protect the workers, the community, and the environment during the cleanup. These actions will also help prevent disturbance to the residents and local businesses.

- They will lightly spray the soil and work areas with water to prevent dust.
- They will cover the soil in the stockpiles and trucks with plastic sheets to prevent dust, spills, and water runoff.
- The trucks will move at slow speeds while on site.
- They do not plan to close any traffic lanes.

MORE INFORMATION AT THE LIBRARY AND OUR AGENCY'S OFFICE

We invite you to learn more about what is happening at GE Anaheim site. All the reports and other information are at the Placentia public library at 411 East Chapman Avenue in Placentia. Call them at (714) 528-1906 to see what hours they are open. We also have this information at our agency's office at 1011 Grandview Avenue in Glendale. Please call Jone Barrio in the File Room at

(818) 551-2952 to make an appointment. File Room hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

WHO TO CALL AT OUR AGENCY

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