



Cleanup to Begin at Former Redlands I Manufactured Gas Plant Site A

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In May of 2003, we sent a fact sheet to the community announcing a proposed Draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) to cleanup the contamination at the Former Redlands I Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) site. Two former MGPs were located at 501-765 West Redlands Boulevard, Redlands, California. This announcement is being sent to you to inform you the cleanup will begin in late March 2005 at the former Redlands I MGP.

Background

Before natural gas was distributed in California, gas for cooking and heating was manufactured from oil. In Redlands, two MGPs existed side by side in the current location. The Redlands MGPs were operated by various utilities in the early 1900's. Today, retail and commercial businesses occupy the sites known as the Former Redlands I MGP (Site A) and the Former Redlands II MGP (Site B).

Site Investigations of the former MGPs found the presence of lampblack; a black, powdery substance which is the primary by-product of the former gas manufacturing process. Certain components of lampblack are considered hazardous through prolonged and continuous skin contact or ingestion. However, the soil does not currently pose a threat to the community because the contamination is under building foundations, and concrete or asphalt paving. To further protect human health and the environment, cleanup of the two sites was proposed. Cleanup of Site B was successfully completed in 2004.

Site A Cleanup to Begin in March 2005

The cleanup of Site A is scheduled to begin in late March 2005 and will take about four months to complete. Site A cleanup will consist of the removal of approximately 11,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil. This soil will be shipped to a facility that is state approved to receive and treat contaminated soil. The remaining soil will be tested and when cleanup goals have been met, the areas will be filled with clean soil. The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will provide oversight of the cleanup.

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