

**Department of Toxic Substances Control
Project Status Update
for
Wyle Laboratories Norco Facility Site
January 24, 2006**

SITE INVESTIGATION/CLEANUP

- This past weekend workers sampled the indoor air at the Science Building. The goal is to find possible sources of the low levels of vinyl chloride and other chemicals detected in earlier sampling. All classrooms, laboratories, and the utility rooms on the first floor were sampled, as well as several rooms on the second floor. Workers also sampled the outdoor air. DTSC took duplicate indoor air samples at some locations at the Science Building to send to a second lab. This is to double-check the accuracy of the findings.
- Wyle is preparing to modify the existing heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system in the Norco High School Science Building. The adjustments are intended to reduce the levels of vinyl chloride and other chemicals found in the indoor air. We required Wyle to take this action and we are overseeing the work.
- Continued operation and maintenance of the vapor extraction system, located on the Wyle property near Golden West Lane. The system pulls chemical vapors from the soil through a series of underground pipes and passes them through a carbon filter to remove the contaminants. The system will help prevent chemical vapors from seeping into the homes at the southern end of Golden West Lane. The vacuum readings in monitoring probes offsite were also recorded, to determine how much air vapor the vacuum unit is pulling back onto the site.

Ongoing Remedial Investigation activities:

Last week

Onsite:

- Performed operations and maintenance activities on the vacuum unit on the Wyle property.
- Started groundwater sampling of FLUTE liners in coreholes. This sampling will help locate bedrock fractures that contain contaminated groundwater.
- Conducted First Quarter 2006 groundwater sampling.

Offsite:

- Concluded indoor air sampling in the Science Building at Norco High School.
- Installed monitoring wells MW 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 31 at and surrounding Norco High School. Also completed installing wells MW-25, -26, -28, and -31.
- Conducted First Quarter 2006 groundwater sampling.

Sampling planned for this week

Onsite:

- Continue First Quarter 2006 groundwater sampling.

Offsite:

- Collect vacuum measurements in monitoring and extraction wells associated with the extraction system, located on the Wyle property near Golden West Lane. These measurements are taken to determine how much air vapor the vacuum unit is pulling back onto the site, and will help us determine how well the system is working.
- Sample permanent soil vapor probes VW-1 through VW-17 as part of quarterly sampling. These probes are located along Golden West Lane, Third Street, and Hillside Avenue.
- Measure water levels in a number of offsite wells including MW-16, MW-19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, and the private well located at Third and Hillside. These wells are located along Golden West Lane, Third Street, Hillside Avenue, at Norco High School, and the southern portion of Norco Intermediate School.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- DTSC staff attended the City Council meeting to brief the members of both onsite and offsite activities.
- DTSC staff also attended Community Advisory Group meeting. We briefed the members about the status of both onsite and offsite activities and addressed community concerns regarding reported cases of leukemia.