

**Department of Toxic Substances Control  
Project Status Update  
for  
Wyle Laboratories Norco Facility Site  
May 2, 2005**

**SITE INVESTIGATION/CLEANUP**

- Soil and groundwater sampling, which are part of the overall “Remedial Investigation,” are ongoing. Last week soil and “grab” groundwater testing was conducted in Areas M, G, S, and H onsite. “Grab” sampling is a technique that shows whether or not contamination is present. It is used as a screening tool to help us locate areas that need further testing. Offsite, soil gas testing was done on private properties along Third Street and Hillside Avenue. This soil gas sampling is done to find out if there is potential exposure to residents from chemical vapors. At the Wyle Labs site, the main chemical vapor of concern comes from trichloroethylene, a cleaning solvent. The vapors, or soil gas, come from contaminated groundwater and move through the soil.

Sampling planned for this week includes more soil and “grab” groundwater testing in Areas G, S, and H onsite. Offsite, water level testing will be done on recently installed monitoring wells on the corner of Third Street & Buckboard Lane, and the corner of Hillside Avenue and Third Street (east of Golden West Lane). This sampling is to find out the level of groundwater offsite near Wyle’s northwestern property. Before sampling any private property we request written permission from the owners. The complete Remedial Investigation Workplan, which includes details of all the planned sampling, is available at the Corona Public Library and Norco City Hall, as well as in the DTSC office in Cypress.

- DTSC is reviewing the “lineament analysis” draft report from Wyle’s consultant, Environ. This lineament analysis is the first part of a study to find the fractures in the bedrock in the area around the Wyle site. These fractures are possible pathways for contaminated groundwater. Finding the pathways will help us find out where contamination may be moving off site. Lineament analysis is part of the Remedial Investigation. This draft document gives the results of the initial analysis of the area based on aerial photographs and site visits, and describes what will be done next to further evaluate the fractured bedrock.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- On April 26, 2005, DTSC staff and representatives from other agencies held a public meeting in Norco to update the community on the Wyle Labs investigation. There was an open house from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., and a presentation at 7 p.m. followed by a question-and-answer session. The meeting agenda included the latest offsite sampling results, the progress of the rest of the investigation, and cleanup plans for the northwest area of the site. Representatives from the City, State, Community Advisory Group (CAG), and the community group Involved Neighbors Seeking Information, Safety, and Truth (INSIST) were also available at the open house and meeting.

## **Who To Contact**

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