

**Department of Toxic Substances Control**  
**Project Status Update**  
**for**  
**Wyle Laboratories Norco Facility Site**  
**May 23, 2005**

**SITE INVESTIGATION/CLEANUP**

- DTSC is evaluating what areas along the site boundary require soil and/or groundwater testing, especially near the southwestern and western areas. A significant rise in the groundwater table due to heavy rainfall this year may have altered conditions at the site boundary. The original Boundary Assessment was conducted in 2004 after several years of drought.
  - DTSC received responses to its comments on the draft "lineament analysis" report. This lineament analysis, which is part of the Remedial investigation (RI), is intended to find the fractures in the bedrock in the area around the Wyle site. These fractures are possible pathways for contaminated groundwater.
  - DTSC received a revised Technical Memorandum for the sampling of a residential property adjacent to Wyle along Third Street. A water sample from a drain pipe in the driveway revealed the presence of TCE, which is a chemical of concern at Wyle. In response to DTSC's comments on the draft Technical Memorandum, Wyle will collect soil gas and groundwater samples near the home and the drain pipe will be traced to its source, which is currently unknown.
  - DTSC received Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) sampling results for three residential properties on Golden West Lane. Due to groundwater detection in the soil gas probes adjacent to the homes' foundations, soil gas sampling was not conducted along with the indoor air sampling. The DTSC-approved workplan required simultaneous sampling of indoor air and soil gas to give the most accurate results. We are evaluating the need to resample these 3 homes.
  - To address community concerns associated with the three schools near Wyle, DTSC requested Wyle to conduct indoor air sampling at the schools. A formal request letter will be sent by the middle of this week. DTSC will coordinate this effort with the school district.
  - Demolition activities onsite are ongoing. Prior to demolition, buildings are surveyed for asbestos-containing material (ACM) and lead-based paint (LBP). Demolition starts only after the buildings are certified free from ACM/LBP. During demolition, dust control measures are used as necessary to ensure no significant amount of dust is generated. A trailer-mounted water truck is used for dust suppression. In addition, demolition involves only above-ground structures without removal of foundations or significant disturbance of soil.
- Buildings demolished to date: F2, F3,F4,F5,F6, F1C, F9, F12, F10, H3, H4, H5, H8, E1, E2, E5, S,M1,F5 Area Buildings, J2, J3.

- Wood and building debris is being stockpiled adjacent to F-10 to be moved offsite as needed.

#### Upcoming Activities:

- Completion of demolition and salvage of Area E
- Demolition of Building F5-4
- Removal of pipe burst pressure tank
- Removal of remaining metal salvage throughout the site
- Demolition of remaining motor pool buildings
- Demolition of “A” building
- General area cleanup and hauling away of trash
- Weed abatement

#### ➤ Remedial Investigation activities are ongoing.

- Onsite: Last week, soil gas and “grab” groundwater testing was done in Areas H, E and F.
- Offsite: Last week, soil gas sampling was conducted on residential properties near Hillside Avenue and Third Street. These properties are targeted because previous soil gas sampling on the street in that area revealed the presence of elevated levels of TCE , the main chemical of concern at Wyle.

#### Sampling planned for this week:

- Onsite: Soil sampling in Area E, soil/groundwater sampling in Area F, and soil/groundwater sampling in Area F-5.
- Offsite: Utility clearance, grab groundwater sampling, and installation of temporary soil gas probes on properties near Hillside Avenue and Third Street.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- On May 18, project manager Juan Osornio, project supervisor Shahir Haddad, and public participation supervisor Mona Arteaga attended the Norco City Council meeting. Mr. Osornio and Mr. Haddad briefed the Council on the status of the investigation.
- On May 19, project manager Juan Osornio, project supervisor Shahir Haddad, public participation specialist Kim Foreman, and public participation supervisor Mona Arteaga attended the Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting, gave an update on the project status, and answered questions and concerns from the CAG members.