

Department of Toxic Substances Control
Project Status Update
for
Wyle Laboratories Norco Facility Site
June 27, 2005

SITE INVESTIGATION/CLEANUP

- DTSC has provided comments to Wyle's revised northwest area cleanup plan (Also known as the "Removal Action Workplan," or RAW). The plan is prepared to address cleanup of chemical vapors in the soil in the Golden West Lane area, northwest of the Wyle site. The vapors are the main human health concern associated with potential indoor air exposure. This removal action is an interim measure and is not designed to address overall cleanup of the site. The RAW proposes a soil vapor extraction system with offsite vapor extraction wells, and an onsite treatment unit within the Wyle site boundary near Golden West Lane. The proposed system includes a vacuum unit to pull the chemicals out of the soil through a series of underground pipes. The contaminated vapors will be put through granular carbon filters to strip off the chemicals. Used carbon will be taken offsite for proper disposal. The cleaned air will be sampled to ensure it meets air quality standards set by the South Coast Air Quality Management District before being discharged back into the atmosphere. DTSC issued comments on the RAW. The issues identified by DTSC included groundwater levels in the area, inclusion of contingency in the RAW in case the proposed remedy is not effective, and preparation of Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Plan to be included in the RAW. DTSC requested submittal of the revised RAW by July 8, 2005.
- DTSC received Wyle's work plan on June 27, 2005 to conduct soil gas and indoor air sampling at the three schools near the Wyle site. The sampling is planned to address community concerns and assess whether contaminants are impacting these schools. DTSC will coordinate this sampling with the school district and will provide comment on the work plan by July 8, 2005.
- On June 22, 2005, DTSC requested Wyle to conduct a Boundary Reassessment. The original Boundary Assessment (soil gas and groundwater sampling along parts of the Wyle property boundary) was conducted in 2004 after several years of drought. DTSC's concern is that the recent heavy rain have raised the groundwater level enough to move contamination closer to the surface, and potentially spread it to new areas. In the letter to Wyle, DTSC requested Wyle to resample soil gas, groundwater and indoor air (IAQ) near Wyle's property boundary, as necessary, at the boundary near, and on El Paso Road (in proximity to where the ephemeral stream exits the Wyle property); at or near residences towards the northwestern boundary of Wyle in areas where groundwater levels have increased, elevated concentrations in groundwater have been detected, and groundwater and/or soil gas concentrations show the potential for an indoor air risk (including residences towards Golden West Lane and near the corner of Hillside Avenue and Third Street; and at Norco Elementary, Intermediate, and High Schools. All sampling on private property

requires permission from the owners. DTSC has requested Wyle to provide a proposed work plan for this additional sampling by July 8, 2005. This is a correction from last week's update. A date for boundary reassessment sampling will be determined upon DTSC approval of the work plan.

- DTSC has approved the Technical Memorandum (detailed work plan) for 781 Third Street, a property on Third Street next to the Wyle site. The TM for 771 Third Street was already approved June 9, 2005. Residents reported water seepage in their backyard. To find out if the seepage contains TCE, as discovered in a driveway drain nearby, the draft workplan proposes to collect soil gas and/or groundwater in the backyard of the home. DTSC requested Wyle to implement the work plan by June 30, 2005

- Demolition activities onsite are ongoing. Prior to demolition, buildings are surveyed for asbestos-containing material (ACM) and lead-based paint (LBP). Demolition for each building starts only after it is certified free from ACM/LBP. DTSC has requested copies of the ACM/LBP certifications. During demolition, dust control measures such as lightly spraying the dirt are used to ensure no significant amount of dust is generated. Demolition involves only above-ground structures without removal of foundations or significant disturbance of soil. DTSC does not have jurisdiction over the demolition activities, but we have asked St. Clair (the property owners) to document the safety measures they use to ensure that on-site workers and the surrounding residents are not impacted by demolition activities. St. Clair has provided a copy of the demolition contractor's "Safety Management Program" to DTSC. Copies will be available at the DTSC Cypress office, and both information repositories for review.
 - Buildings demolished to date: Areas A1, B, C and D, F2, F3, F4, F5, F5-4, F6, F1C, F9, F12, F10, H3, H4, H5, H8, E, E1, E2, E5, S, I, M1, F5 Area Buildings, J2, and J3.
 - Wood and building debris continue to be stockpiled next to F-10 to be moved offsite as needed.
 - Removal of metal salvage, wood, and building debris will be conducted from the back of the property to the front.

Upcoming Activities:

- Continued removal of remaining metal salvage throughout the site
 - Demolition of remaining buildings in Area H2
 - Continued general area cleanup and hauling away of trash
 - Weed abatement (with no significant digging or soil disturbance)
- Ongoing Remedial Investigation activities:
- Onsite: Last week, soil and grab groundwater sampling in Areas F and F-5. Collect soil samples from the bottoms and sidewalls of the trenches in Area K.
 - Offsite: Last week, no offsite sampling conducted.

Sampling planned for this week:

- Onsite: Soil and grab groundwater sampling in Areas F, F-5, K, and J. Install vapor probes in Area F. Collect water levels at two onsite wells (MW-14,15)
- Offsite: Collect water levels at offsite wells (MW-16, MW-19, 20, 21, 23, 24).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- No change from last week's update