

**Department of Toxic Substances Control**  
**Project Status Update**  
**for**  
**Wyle Laboratories Norco Facility Site**  
**July 11, 2005**

**SITE INVESTIGATION/CLEANUP**

- We are preparing comments on Wyle's work plan to conduct soil gas and indoor air sampling at the three schools near the Wyle site. The proposed sampling is designed to address community concerns and to assess whether contaminants are impacting these schools. A date for the sampling will be determined upon our approval of the work plan.
- A seep in the backyard of a residence on Raquel Road was sampled for trichloroethylene (TCE), perchlorate, and other chemicals of potential concern found at the Wyle site. When this seep was first examined right after the rains earlier this year, a PVC pipe was discovered in the area and it was thought to be a possible source of the water. After further evaluation by the owner, it was reported that the seepage was not due to the PVC pipe. As a result, the seep was sampled last week. We anticipate receiving validated sampling results within four weeks.
- We have received a work plan from Wyle to conduct a boundary reassessment, in response to our request dated June 22, 2005. 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. Our concern is that the recent heavy rains have raised the groundwater level enough to move contamination closer to the surface, and potentially spread it to new areas. In the June 22 letter to Wyle, we asked them to resample soil gas, groundwater, and indoor air near Wyle's property boundary, as necessary, at the following locations: near and on El Paso Road (near 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 of chemicals 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. We will review the work plan and provide comments by July 22, 2005.
- We have received on-site soil gas sampling results for the ongoing Remedial Investigation from Areas B, E, F, F5, G, H, I, J, K, M and S. We will review and assess the data to determine whether step-out sampling is necessary.
- Demolition activities onsite have been completed. Prior to demolition, buildings were surveyed for asbestos-containing material (ACM) and lead-based paint (LBP). We anticipate receiving the ACM/LBP certification early this week. During demolition, dust control measures were used to ensure no significant amount of dust was generated. Demolition involved only above-ground structures without

removal of foundations or significant disturbance of soil. We do not have jurisdiction over the demolition activities, but we 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. Copies of the contractor's "Safety Management Program" are available at the DTSC Cypress office, and at both information repositories (Corona Public Library and Norco City Hall).

- Buildings demolished: Areas A1, B, C and D, F2, F3, F4, F5, F5-4, F6, F1C, F9, F12, F10, H2, H3, H4, H5, H8, E, E1, E2, E5, S, I, M1, F5 Area Buildings, J2, and J3.
- Wood and building debris has been moved offsite.
- Removal of metal salvage, wood, and building debris is complete.

#### Upcoming Activities:

- Continued removal of remaining building concrete debris throughout the site
- Continued general area cleanup and hauling away of trash

#### ➤ Ongoing Remedial Investigation activities:

- Onsite: Geophysical Survey (first step of fracture analysis)
- Offsite: Last week, sampled seep at residence on Raquel Road.

#### Sampling planned for this week:

- Onsite: Geophysical Survey (first step of fracture analysis). Collect soil and grab ground water sampling in Area J and Area K.
- Offsite: Collect water levels at offsite wells (MW-16, MW-19, 20, 21, 23, and 24).

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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