

Department of Toxic Substances Control
Project Status Update
for
Wyle Laboratories Norco Facility Site
August 29, 2005

SITE INVESTIGATION/CLEANUP

- Soil gas and indoor air sampling was completed at the three schools near the Wyle site. The sampling was designed to address community concerns and to determine whether contaminants from Wyle have a potential to impact the schools. Results showed low levels of PCE (tetrachloroethylene) and TCE (trichloroethene) in indoor air at three schools. Norco High School had one low-level detect of vinyl chloride in indoor air. Based on the results we have determined that all three schools are safe. However, to make sure that schools continue to be safe, we will do additional sampling. We are working with Wyle to develop a sampling plan for this additional work.

- Indoor air sampling was completed at four homes near the intersection of Third and Hillside (west of Golden West Lane). Previous soil gas results showed varying TCE concentrations in the soil around the foundations at four of the homes. The highest soil gas TCE concentrations were 41 and 44 parts per billion at two of the four homes, both at a depth of 10 feet below ground surface. Indoor air sampling was conducted at the four homes to make sure they are not affected by TCE vapors. We anticipate results of this indoor air sampling to be available in 2-3 weeks.

- Based on public concern about potential impacts to the surrounding community from demolition activities on the Wyle site, we asked St. Clair (current property owner) for copies of all lead-based paint and asbestos-containing material certifications of buildings demolished on the Wyle site. These certifications are to show that any lead or asbestos has been properly removed and disposed of according to EPA and state regulations. Lead and asbestos removal is not within DTSC's jurisdiction. Asbestos removal is performed under South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) regulations. We have now received the certifications, which confirm that the asbestos-containing material has been properly handled, sealed according to regulations, and removed from the site. The Waste Manifests show the material was disposed of at appropriate landfills. We still have not received a copy of the health and safety plan for these activities. St. Clair has indicated they will provide that plan to us this week. We will place all this information in the public repositories (Corona Public Library and Norco City Hall) after we receive it.

- Ongoing Remedial Investigation activities:

Last week

Onsite:

- Completed drilling bedrock core sample at location CH-3. Began and continued drilling bedrock core sample at location CH-4.
- Continued soil, soil gas, and grab groundwater sampling of remaining borings in all areas.

Offsite:

- Cleared four soil boring locations for underground utilities and collected active soil gas samples and one grab ground water sample at 1152 First Street.
- Collected water levels in offsite wells (MW-16,19,20,21,23,24) and two onsite wells (MW-14,15).

Sampling planned for this week:

Onsite:

- Complete drilling bedrock core sample at location CH-4.

Offsite:

- Conduct permanent vapor probe installation on El Paso Drive.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- We are holding a 30-day public review and comment period for the proposed cleanup (called a Removal Action Workplan, or RAW) for the northwest area of Wyle, near Golden West Lane. The dates for public comment are from August 12, 2005 through September 12, 2005. The public comment period includes a fact sheet describing the proposed cleanup that was sent to the mailing list and posted on our website; a paid advertisement in the newspaper on August 12; and an open house and public meeting on August 23, 2005. The draft cleanup proposal is available at the Corona Public Library, Norco City Hall, our office in Cypress, and on our website.
- DTSC held a public meeting in Norco to update the community on the Wyle Labs investigation. There was an open house from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., and a presentation at 7 p.m. followed by a question-and-answer session. The meeting agenda included information on the RAW for the northwest area, results of the indoor air sampling of the schools and other recent investigation results, and the progress of the rest of the investigation. Representatives from the City, State, and the Community Advisory Group (CAG) were also available at the open house and meeting.