

Department of Toxic Substances Control
Project Status Update
for
Wyle Laboratories Norco Facility Site
April 18, 2005

SITE INVESTIGATION/CLEANUP

- **Recent offsite sampling results.** We have sampling results for two private wells, four “seeps” (areas where water appears to be flowing up from below ground and causing runoff, which may indicate groundwater coming to the surface) along Hillside Avenue, and one drainage pipe on private property.
 - No contaminants were found in the well at a home on Hillside Avenue. In the other well, on First Street, trichloroethene (TCE) was found at 3.3 parts per billion (also referred to as micrograms per liter) and perchlorate was found at 27 parts per billion. The drinking water standard for TCE is 5 parts per billion. The California Department of Health Services Action Level for perchlorate in drinking water is 6 parts per billion. The well where we found the TCE and perchlorate is used for irrigation only and is **not** used for drinking.
 - No TCE or perchlorate was found in any of the four “seep” areas sampled.
 - We also tested water from a drainage pipe that runs from an unknown location under a property on Third Street (next to Wyle’s northern boundary, just east of Golden West Lane) and discharges out onto the driveway. TCE was found at 32 parts per billion. We evaluating further sampling that may be needed at this property.

We sent a letter on April 15 to each of the residents whose property we sampled, giving them these results.

- DTSC has received the “lineament analysis” report from Wyle’s consultant, Environ. This lineament analysis is the first part of a study to locate 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. The lineament analysis is part of the “Remedial Investigation Work Plan Addendum,” dated April 15, 2005. This document also describes what will be done next to further evaluate the fractured bedrock.
- Field activities for the Remedial Investigation that began last week are continuing. The Remedial Investigation is the full-scale program of testing for contamination both onsite and offsite. Sampling planned for this week includes soil gas testing in Areas K, J, and F onsite; and groundwater and soil gas testing along Third Street, east of Golden West Lane. This “step-out” sampling is intended to determine how far the soil gas contamination extends off the

northwest corner of the Wyle 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 DTSC office in Cypress and in the two information repositories (the Corona Public Library and Norco City Hall).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- We are preparing for a public meeting to be held on April 26, 2005. The meeting will be at the Learning Center South meeting room at the Corona-Norco Unified School District office in Norco. There will be 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 purpose of the meeting is to update the community on the Wyle project. The agenda will include the latest offsite sampling results, the progress of the rest of the investigation, and cleanup plans for the Golden West Lane/Hillside Avenue/Third Street area northwest of the site. DTSC is coordinating with an interagency working group that includes representatives from the City, County, State, and Community Advisory Group (CAG).

- We are sending out a fact sheet this week to the expanded mailing list of over 7,000 residents within a 1-mile radius of the Wyle property. The fact sheet describes the latest sampling results and progress of the investigation, and invites the community to the April 26 public meeting. A copy of the fact sheet will also be posted on the DTSC web site.