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RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL HANDLING FACILITY INTERIM RESPONSE ACTION
Santa Susana Field Laboratory, Area IV

The Order on Consent for Interim Response Action for the Radioactive Materials Handling Facility (RMHF) Complex allows removal of the above ground portion of 10 buildings at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL). The deactivation phase is currently underway.

What type of work is being done?
Deactivation, pre-demolition preparation of the RMHF, is being conducted. It includes the removal of equipment, appliances, fixtures, materials from facility lines and equipment, above-ground power lines, and utility isolation and verification.

Why is deactivation being done?
Deactivation will facilitate worker safety prior to demolition.

Who is doing the work?
DOE's contractor, NorthWind, and its subcontractors (see the Decommissioning and Demolition Plan) are doing the work. DTSC is overseeing deactivation activities.

How long will deactivation take?
- Now - July 31, 2020
- Monday - Friday
- 6:30 am - 3:00 pm

Most deactivation will conclude in July. The remainder will be completed with demolition.

What safety measures will be taken to protect the health of workers and those nearby?
To ensure safety, workers wear personal protective clothing and are HAZWOPER trained. They use real-time monitoring, task-specific radiological monitoring, employee air monitoring, engineered and administrative controls. DTSC will continue to provide Interim Response Action Updates and ensure timely notification of spills or incidents.

What will happen next?
Implement Best Management Practices to control, eliminate, or treat dust discharge. Utilities will be cut/capped and penetrations will be plugged. Installation and sealing of asphalt and concrete pad surfaces.

Deactivation materials generated at RMHF will be shipped to a licensed low-level radioactive waste facility or mixed low-level waste facility for disposal, out of State.

Where can I get more information?

EnviroStor:
(https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/hwmp_profile_report?global_id=CA3890090001&starttab=)

Pre-demolition materials inside the Radioactive Storage Building (Building 4022) at the RMHF, awaiting loading to bins for off-site disposal

Deactivation activities showing NorthWind removing power poles inside RMHF

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