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### **DTSC Certifies Cintas/Dedominico Site in San Leandro**

BERKELEY – Citing the need to work with site owners and local governments in an effort to complete environmental cleanups, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Director, Maureen Gorsen today announced certification of the 1.5-acre Cintas/Dedominico Site at 777 139<sup>th</sup> Avenue in San Leandro. Certification means all required hazardous substances cleanup activities have been completed for the site.

“This action clearly signals that we are making significant progress in addressing groundwater contamination in San Leandro, and protecting public health and the environment,” Gorsen said. “This certification of the cleanup is also consistent with Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger’s environmental goals to protect the state’s groundwater, surface waters and coastline from industrial and agricultural pollution, sewage, storm water pollution, nonpoint source runoff and other sources of contaminants.”

DTSC certification documents for the site can be viewed through the Department’s Envirostor database located on the Department’s website at [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov).

From 1971 and 1983, Ross Rental Services leased the property and established a clothes cleaning operation using tetrachloroethylene (PCE). In 1983, Cintas Corporation acquired the business and converted all clothes cleaning operations to a water-wash laundry without the dry cleaning units. Cintas still operates an industrial laundry at the site.

PCE, its breakdown products such as trichloroethene (TCE), and petroleum hydrocarbons (TPHs) have been detected in soil and groundwater. Cleanup activities at the site consisted of removal of several underground storage tanks, soil excavation and high vacuum soil vapor extraction (SVE) using horizontal wells beneath the building.

Groundwater sampling showed that concentrations of PCE, TCE and other contaminants have been decreasing in groundwater as a result of natural attenuation. Groundwater monitoring is being conducted to ensure that concentrations continue to decrease. A deed restriction for the use of groundwater was placed for the site.

In 1992, DTSC issued an Imminent and Substantial Endangerment and Remedial Action Order (I&SE) to Cintas Corporation and the property owners for investigation and cleanup of the site.

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