Spotlight on DTSC

**Corrective Measures Proposed At Long Beach Manufacturing Plant**

Public comments are being sought on a proposal to restrict land use at a tube manufacturing company in Long Beach where contaminants have been found in soil and groundwater.

Tests at Western Tube and Conduit, Inc. facility by the state Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) indicate an "exceeding low" cancer risk for workers in its current condition, but could be a concern if the 21-acre property is ever redeveloped into residential or a more sensitive land use in the future.

DTSC has been overseeing soil and groundwater tests there since 2009.

Thus, the proposed plan calls for imposing land-use restrictions that prohibit homes, day care centers, or hospitals - and mandates the groundwater, which isn't used for drinking, be monitored for the next five years.

The proposed remediation plan is the preferred alternative based on the current industrial/commercial use of the site, cost, ease of implementation, short-term effectiveness and long-term reliability.

Public comments are being solicited through Feb. 13.

The property is 1.75 miles northwest of the interchange of Interstates 710 and 405, and is within 1.2 miles of three elementary schools.