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Cleanup Status at Nine Gaylord Container Corporation Sites

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is working with Gaylord Container Corporation (Gaylord) to address nine properties located in Contra Costa County, Sacramento County, and the City of Antioch (see map on page 2). These nine properties are:

- East Mill
- West Mill
- Industrial Lot with Tank
- Industrial Lot with Railroad Siding
- West Island
- Agricultural Tract
- Recreational Tract
- Vineyard Tract
- Almond Orchard

For the past year, Gaylord has been closing its former manufacturing facilities at the Mill properties. Investigation of these properties will determine whether historical activities resulted in a release of hazardous substances. Gaylord intends to conduct the clean-up activities required by DTSC to return these properties to other productive uses.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

DTSC has prepared this fact sheet to keep the public informed on the status of environmental assessments and investigations associated with the nine Gaylord sites. Completed reports and other project documents are available at the local information repositories listed below. If you have any questions about any of these projects, please contact DTSC Project Manager, Janet Naito at DTSC, 700 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94710 or call (510) 540-3833 or email at jnaito@dtsc.ca.gov. For public participation questions, please contact DTSC Public Participation Specialist Nancy Cook at DTSC, 700 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94710 or call (510) 540-3923 or email at ncook@dtsc.ca.gov.

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Where Are The Sites Located?

The East Mill, West Mill, Industrial Lot with Railroad Siding, Vineyard Tract, and Almond Orchard are located in unincorporated Antioch. West Island is a naturally occurring Island located in the San Joaquin River. The Agricultural and Recreational Tracts and the Industrial Lot with Tank are located in the City of Antioch. See the figure below for the nine locations.

What are the Cleanup Process Steps?

The first step is to determine whether there has been a release of chemicals at the Site which pose a threat to public health or the environment. This information is documented in a Preliminary Endangerment Assessment (PEA) report. Each of the nine sites must complete a PEA to determine if further cleanup activities are required.

If further cleanup activities are required, a remedy selection document will be prepared and released for public review and comment.

In some cases, deed restrictions and/or Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Agreements are necessary as part of the remedy.

A Certificate of Completion is issued to the responsible party when they have satisfactorily completed the investigation and addressed any identified hazardous substances released at a site.

What Activities Have Occurred?

WEST MILL – Demolition of West Mill structures has been underway since October 2004. Removal of an out-of-service underground fuel oil pipeline began in April 2005. A PEA Work Plan for the investigation of this site is currently being prepared.

EAST MILL – Most of the facilities have been demolished and removed since the late 1990s, including a fuel oil tank that was removed in late, 2004. In October 2004, a Remedial Action Plan was approved for the removal of the black liquor pond. Approximately 45,000 tons of material was excavated and properly disposed at a landfill. The black liquor pond area has been backfilled and revegetated. Site investigations continue in accordance with a Remedial Investigation Workplan approved by DTSC in May 2005 to determine if further cleanup activities are necessary.



Site Location Map

WEST ISLAND – DTSC approved a PEA for this Site in June 2005. No chemicals were detected in soil that posed a significant risk to public health or the environment. No restrictions are required by DTSC on this property for future land use. DTSC issued a Certificate of Completion for this site in June 2005.

INDUSTRIAL LOT WITH TANK – The Aboveground Storage Tank (AST) was removed in 2004. A PEA for this site was completed in June 2005. The PEA indicates that the Site does not pose a significant risk to public health or the environment. It is currently under DTSC review for approval.

INDUSTRIAL LOT WITH RAILROAD SIDING – An initial soil investigation was conducted in July 2003. A supplemental soil and groundwater investigation was conducted in August 2004. A PEA was completed in February 2005. The PEA did not identify any unacceptable risks to human health and the environment. The PEA has been submitted to the DTSC for review and approval.

VINEYARD TRACT – An initial soil investigation was conducted in January 2003. A supplemental soil and groundwater investigation was conducted in August 2004. A PEA was completed in June 2005. The PEA did not identify any unacceptable risks to human health and the environment. The PEA has been submitted to the DTSC for review and approval.

THE RECREATIONAL AND AGRICULTURAL TRACTS – This site also includes the northern portion of the Almond Orchard. Soil investigations were conducted in 2003, 2004, and 2005. A PEA was completed in April 2005 that found no unacceptable risks to human health and the environment are expected under the proposed recreational future land use. These sites were recently sold to the Antioch Youth Sports Complex Corporation (AYSCC) for use as recreational ball fields.

Following a 30-day public comment period in April 2005, DTSC approved a PEA and entered into a deed restriction and an Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Agreement with the AYSCC. The deed restriction and O&M Agreement require

maintenance of the parking lot on the Recreational Tract and ensure that future development does not include sensitive uses such as residential housing, hospitals, schools or day care centers. Certificates of Completion were then issued for the Agricultural Tract and Recreational Tract in June 2005.

ALMOND ORCHARD – This site is also referred to as the Southern Almond Orchard. Soil investigations were conducted in August 2004. A PEA was completed in April 2005. No chemicals were identified in soil at levels that could pose a significant risk to human health and the environment. No restrictions are required by DTSC on future land use. A Certificate of Completion was issued in June 2005.

Certificates of Completion

Certificates of Completion have been issued for four of the nine sites:

- West Island;
- Agricultural Tract (subject to compliance with the deed restriction and O&M Agreement);
- Recreational Tract (subject to compliance with the deed restriction and O&M Agreement); and
- Almond Orchard.

Notice to hearing impaired individuals

TDD users can obtain information about the site by using the California State Relay Service (888) 877-5378 to reach the Public Participation Specialist.

Anuncio

Si prefiere hablar con alguien en español acerca de ésta información, favor de llamar a Jacinto Soto, Departamento de Control de Sustancias Tóxicas. El número de teléfono es (510) 540-3842.

For More Information

If you would like more information about these parcels or reports please contact Janet Naito, DTSC Project Manager, at (510) 540-3833 or email at jnaito@dtsc.ca.gov.

For information about public participation and community involvement, please contact Nancy Cook at (510) 540-3923 or email at ncook@dtsc.ca.gov.

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