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DTSC Certifies Cleanup at Former T H Agriculture & Nutrition Site in Fresno

Fresno – “We are pleased to announce the certification the former T H Agriculture & Nutrition site in Fresno, which was on the National Priorities List (NPL). DTSC served as the lead regulatory agency and now the site can be used for commercial or industrial activities,” said Maureen Gorsen, Director of the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC).

The former T H Agriculture & Nutrition site (THAN), located at 7183 East McKinley Avenue in Fresno, is a 5.5-acre site previously used for the formulation, packaging and storage of agricultural chemicals (pesticides) from 1951 to 1981. THAN owned or operated the site from 1959 to 1981. They discontinued operations in 1981 and closed the plant completely in 1983.

DTSC investigated the property in 1987, found significant soil and groundwater contamination and ordered a cleanup. The contaminants of concern included dichloroethane, carbon tetrachloride, chloroform and trichloropropane contaminants.

The THAN site was cleaned up to an industrial/commercial-use level and will require continued monitoring of groundwater contamination. A land-use restriction has been put in place that will transfer with the deed of sale to all subsequent owners. To fund the continued operations, maintenance and monitoring of the site, financial arrangements have been made. These safeguards will ensure the long-term protection of public health and the environment.

Remediating the site involved providing an alternative water supply to affected parties, demolition of on-site structures, soil excavation with off-site disposal, and removal of volatile and semi-volatile organic compounds through vapor extraction and treatment.

The EPA has reviewed the work conducted at the site and has concluded that the site now can be delisted from the National Priorities List.

To view the documents associated with this cleanup, visit DTSC’s Website at www.dtsc.ca.gov.

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