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DTSC Certifies Hudson ICS Site in San Leandro

BERKELEY – Citing the need to work with site owners and local governments in an effort to complete environmental cleanups, prepare for future redevelopment and spur economic stimulation, Department of Toxic Substances Control Director Maureen Gorsen today announced certification of the 15-acre Hudson ICS site in San Leandro. “Issuing this certification is the first step completing the redevelopment process for this site and ensuring public health and safety. It can now be redeveloped for industrial, commercial, or residential purposes,” said Gorsen.

Certification means all required hazardous waste cleanup activities have been completed for the planned reuse. 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.

Redevelopment of underutilized sites, allowing cities to accommodate locally desirable mixed uses, compact development and urban infill growth, while curtailing urban sprawl is consistent with Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger’s Environmental Action Plan.

The Hudson site, located at 400 Hudson Lane in Alameda County, was used from 1906 to 1998 to manufacture pencil slats. During the manufacturing process, lubricating oil and 1, 1, 1, trichloroethane (TCA) was used to maintain saws and other equipment. Sawing operations at the site ceased in 1998. Packaging operations continued until 1999. Buildings at the site were demolished and the site was graded in anticipation of possible redevelopment as residential property.

Subsequent groundwater sampling revealed that concentrations of TCA and other contaminants have been decreasing in groundwater as a result of natural attenuation. Groundwater monitoring is being conducted to ensure TCA and its breakdown products do not increase.

In 1996, DTSC entered into a Voluntary Cleanup Agreement with Hudson ICS to provide oversight for environment cleanup. Investigations revealed that TCA, related compounds and residual fuel oil, characterized as Bunker C oil, had impacted groundwater, however, soil sampling revealed that the soil at the site was not contaminated.

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