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## **STATE TOXICS DEPARTMENT CLEARS 211 ACRES** *HALF OF WYLE SITE IN NORCO OK'd FOR UNRESTRICTED USE*

**CYPRESS** – After three years of investigation, hazardous waste excavation and removal, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) certified 211 acres of the former Wyle Laboratory site in Norco for redevelopment projects ranging from commercial offices, retail outlets, open space or single family homes.

The 429-acre Wyle parcel is one of the largest infill redevelopment projects in the state. During public meetings on DTSC's work, developers and community residents also discussed redevelopment projects ranging from new housing subdivisions, horse trails, parks and open space.

“The unrestricted land use certification expands potential project opportunities for developers, and returns to the community land that is environmentally safe,” said DTSC Acting Director Maziar Movassaghi. “The investigation, cleanup, and certification demonstrate how much progress can be made when local governments, state governments, site owners, developers, and communities look to the future and work to ensure that all redevelopment goals can be achieved,” Movassaghi added.

The certification is consistent with Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's environmental goals of helping local governments identify and evaluate redevelopment of blighted and underutilized sites, by allowing cities to accommodate locally desirable mixed use, compact development and infill growth and job creation.

During the hazardous waste cleanup, the former Wyle Lab site was divided into four areas: the Upper Basin, the Lower Basin, the Northwest Area, and the Offsite Area. The completed work at the Upper Basin area included removal of approximately 125 cubic yards of soil contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and calls for future installation of a groundwater treatment system to address perchlorate-contaminated groundwater beneath the site.

A cleanup plan for the remaining three areas will be released to for public review soon and will follow the same cleanup process under DTSC engineers and scientist's oversight.

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