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COMMUNITY UPDATE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATION AT FORMER FULLERTON MANUFACTURED GAS PLANT (MGP) SITE, 144 W. WALNUT AVENUE, FULLERTON

Dear Community Member:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) would like to update you on the latest events involving ongoing environmental work at the former Fullerton MGP site. In our December 31, 2003 letter sent to you, we informed you about additional soil testing done at Union Pacific Park in mid December 2003, so we could better understand the extent of soil contamination.

You may have noticed, as a precaution, limited areas of the park are fenced off to prevent any direct public access and public contact until soil test results were obtained. Soil test results indicate a smaller area of the park is contaminated with polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). PAHs can pose a health risk to those directly exposed to moderate or high levels over a prolonged period of time. As a result of the soil testing, certain sections of fencing will be removed to allow greater public use of the park area. The fence will remain in those areas where PAHs were detected and cleanup is required. We plan to begin cleanup of the park soil in early summer 2004. Cleanup for the rest of the MGP site is planned to begin right after cleanup of the park area is completed.

DTSC will hold a public meeting to discuss and present the cleanup proposal for the Fullerton MGP site, the park area and receive public comments. A fact sheet announcing our cleanup proposal for the MGP site, the public meeting date and venue and how you can participate in the decision making process will be mailed to you soon. We appreciate your patience as we continue to improve conditions at the park and MGP site.

If you have any concerns about any project activity, please contact the Project Manager, Ms. Rania Zabaneh (714) 484-5479 or myself, Ms. Stacey Lear, Public Participation Specialist at (714) 484-5354.

Sincerely,

Stacey Lear
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