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The Georgia-Pacific Mill Site and The Polanco Redevelopment Act

The California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has prepared this Fact Sheet to explain and discuss the City of Fort Bragg invoking the Polanco Redevelopment Act (Polanco Act) at the Georgia-Pacific Mill (G-P Mill) site. Earlier this year, the Fort Bragg Redevelopment Agency (Agency) voted to invoke the Polanco Act at a Redevelopment Agency meeting. This action allowed the Agency to serve as the lead agency for Specific Plan Implementation at the G-P Mill site. Technical consultation by DTSC to assess hazardous substances releases will now occur under an Environmental Oversight Agreement (EOA) between the Agency and DTSC. In accordance with the Investigation and Remediation Order executed in February 2007, site cleanup will take place under DTSC's oversight with Georgia-Pacific Corporation responsible for reimbursement of DTSC's oversight costs.

What Is The Polanco Redevelopment Act?

The Polanco Act is a law that was enacted in 1990 to assist redevelopment agencies in response to and cleaning up of Brownfield properties within their jurisdictions. The Polanco Act details processes for redevelopment agencies to follow when cleaning up hazardous substance releases. It also provides immunity from liability for redevelopment agencies and subsequent property purchasers for sites cleaned up under a remediation plan approved by DTSC. DTSC reviews and approves the cleanup plan as well as makes a final determination that the remedial or removal action has been properly completed in order for the redevelopment agencies and subsequent property purchasers to receive the Polanco Act liability immunities.

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETING AND OPEN HOUSE

On **Tuesday, November 6, 2007**, DTSC will hold a Public Meeting to update the community on the status of the Georgia-Pacific Mill site. This meeting will be held at the following location:

Dana Gray Elementary School
1197 East Chestnut Street
Fort Bragg, CA 95437
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

An Open House with DTSC representatives is scheduled for the following day, **Wednesday, November 7, 2007** at the following location:

Fort Bragg Town Hall
363 N. Main Street
Fort Bragg, CA 95437
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.



What Are The Details Of The Environmental Oversight Agreement?

The tool that the Agency has elected to use in order to facilitate site characterization and cleanup under Polanco with DTSC is entry into an EOA. The EOA prescribes the level of involvement and defines the project-specific roles of the redevelopment agency and DTSC. The Agency will serve as the lead oversight agency for Specific Plan implementation while DTSC will serve as the lead oversight agency for environmental characterization and cleanup at the G-P Mill site. Therefore, as the Agency moves forward with Polanco Act, it does not compromise DTSC's authority to oversee site characterization and cleanup consistent with the requirements set forth in Chapter 6.8 of the California Health and Safety Code. Other trustee agencies as well as the general public will continue to have the opportunity to review and provide comments and input into the characterization and cleanup process.

What Will DTSC Be Responsible For?

DTSC will oversee site characterization that requires submittal of documents including: a Public Participation Plan, Remedial Investigation Workplans and Reports, and a Feasibility Study for DTSC review and approval. The Public Participation Plan, approved by DTSC in May 2007, contains the site-specific community involvement strategies. The G-P Mill site has been divided into five separate Operable Units (OUs): coastal trail, non-industrial, northern, southern, and pond/parks. OU-specific Remedial Investigation Workplans and Reports will be used to characterize the site for the purposes of defining risks to public health and the environment and developing effective remedial alternatives for all foreseeable future land uses. Once site characterization is completed to the satisfaction of DTSC, a cleanup document (often a Remedial Action Plan or RAP) will be drafted and remediation alternatives will be evaluated against nine criteria as prescribed by the National Contingency Plan: protectiveness of human health and the environment, long- and short-term effectiveness, implementability, cost, compliance with applicable laws and

regulations, reduction of toxicity, agency acceptance, and community acceptance. The draft cleanup document will then become available for public review and comment. Responses will be provided to all public comments received to the draft cleanup document prior to DTSC approval. The DTSC-approved cleanup document will then be implemented and field activities will be overseen by DTSC. Completion report(s) will then be submitted for DTSC's review and approval to document the completed removal/remedial action. Certification will then be issued once DTSC determines that all appropriate removal/remedial actions have been completed and that all acceptable engineering practices were implemented in accordance with the DTSC-approved cleanup document.

For More Information

DTSC encourages members of the public to review and provide comment on the documents that are available at the following locations:

Information Repository:

Fort Bragg Library
499 East Laurel Street
Fort Bragg, California 95437
(707) 964-2020

Hours:

Sunday & Monday: Closed
Tuesday & Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 PM
Wednesday: Noon to 8:00 PM
Friday & Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 PM

Administrative Record:

Department of Toxic Substances Control
700 Heinz Avenue
Berkeley, California 94710-2721
(510) 540-2122

Hours:

Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 PM
(510) 540-3800
Call to schedule an appointment.

Additional Georgia-Pacific Mill site information can be found by visiting DTSC's Envirostor website at: http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=2324000&cmd=community_involvement or if you are

unable to open this link visit DTSC's public website at www.dtsc.ca.gov then click on "Find a Site Near You," type "Fort Bragg" in the city field and select "Report" for the Georgia-Pacific Mill site, then click the "Community Involvement" box to view the document

What If I Have Additional Questions?

We appreciate hearing from the community and welcome your questions and concerns. If you have questions regarding this fact sheet or the G-P Mill site cleanup, please contact:

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For Media Inquires, please contact:

Ms. Angela Blanchette
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ABlanche@dtsc.ca.gov

NOTICE TO HEARING IMPAIRED INDIVIDUALS

TDD users can use the California State Relay Service at (888) 877-5378 and ask to speak with Joyce Whiten regarding the Georgia-Pacific Mill site.

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

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Laura Helfrich, Executive Assistant, DTSC,
8800 Cal Center Drive, 3rd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95826.

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ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

You can also be added or removed by sending a request via email to Laura Helfrich at Lhelfric@dtsc.ca.gov. Please make sure to include the information requested above.

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