COMMUNITY UPDATE

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances through the restoration of contaminated resources, enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.

DTSC Proposes a Removal Action Workplan for Operable Unit-E at the former Georgia-Pacific Mill Site

DTSC invites you to comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan (draft RAW) for Operable Unit-E (OU-E) of the former Georgia-Pacific Mill Site (Site) located at 90 West Redwood Avenue, Fort Bragg, California, 95437. The draft RAW proposes cleanup actions for soil within the Terrestrial Lowland area and sediment in the South Ponds area (Ponds 1-4), Pond 7, and portions of the Riparian Channel. Please see the aerial on page 2.

The RAW is an interim action and not the final cleanup. DTSC will further evaluate the cleanup for these areas in a future Feasibility Study and future Remedial Action Plan (RAP).

DTSC will host two Community Workshops on the draft RAW in Fort Bragg, with the first Workshop on April 21 and the second on June 2, 2016. The 30-day public comment period on the draft RAW and the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) will begin on May 12, 2016.

There is no immediate health risk at the Site, because the public is not currently exposed to contaminated soil or groundwater. However, the DTSC approved Baseline Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment concluded that contaminants in OU-E could pose a future risk to human health. Soil contaminants in OU-E include lead, benzo (a) pyrene, dioxin, and diesel fuel.

Why a Removal Action Workplan for a part of OU-E?

DTSC plans this Removal Action to support the construction and public use of the central portion of the Fort Bragg Coastal Trail in 2017. The City of Fort Bragg will construct the section of the Coastal Trail through this area in 2017. Public access will occur once construction is complete and this removal work is necessary in 2016 in order to be protective of human health once the trail opens in 2017. This removal will speed up cleanup where digging out soil and trucking it off-site is our recommended choice. If approved, DTSC will oversee the removal work to make sure that all the contractors perform the cleanup safely and responsibly for all.

OU-E Location

OU-E has about 28 acres in the west-central portion of the Site, as well as 10 man-made ponds (Ponds 1 through 9 and the North Pond). Georgia Pacific's historic lumber mill is in OU-E. Workers used Pond 8 for logs. Fire crews used Pond 9 for fire protection. Waste water flowed into Ponds 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7. Workers used water to debark logs and the water then flowed into Pond 6 and North Pond. Storm water flowed into Pond 5.

Community Workshops

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Please submit written comments sent by June 13, 2016 to:

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You can view documents electronically, at DTSC's Envirostor website: www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/ using the following steps:

Click on "Site/Facility Search" under "Tools;"
Enter "Fort Bragg" in the city field, and "Georgia-Pacific" in the facility field, then click "Get Report";
Click the "Report" link next to "Georgia-Pacific Corporation";
Click the "Community Involvement" tab to find the draft OU-E RAW and Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Proposed Cleanup Actions

The OU-E draft RAW describes cleanup activities proposed for four areas. DTSC recommends cleanup approaches:

- **Soil Excavation and Disposal:** DTSC proposes soil excavation and disposal to remove soil contaminants at 9 locations within the Terrestrial Lowland area. Please see the aerial at right. Soil contaminants include lead, dioxin, benzo (a) pyrene and petroleum. Workers will remove about 1,082 cubic yards of soil during the summer of 2016. Trucks will transport the soil off-site to a state permitted and inspected landfill.
- **Sediment Excavation and Disposal:** Additionally, DTSC proposes sediment excavation and disposal to remove contaminated sediments in Ponds 2, 3 and Pond 7, and within a channel located in the Riparian area. Please see the aerial at right. This removal targets dioxin in sediment. We plan to remove about 1,680 cubic yards of sediment. Water will drain from the removed sediment before it is loaded onto trucks. Trucks will transport the sediment off-site to a state permitted landfill.

Safety and Dust Control During Cleanup

DTSC plans the following actions to protect the public and to minimize dust:

- Driving all vehicles at slow speeds, not exceeding 15 miles per hour, while on the property;
- Stopping activities if winds exceed 15 miles per hour for 15 minutes or if wind gusts exceed 25 miles per hour;
- Spraying water on all work areas, stockpiles, and roadways to control dust;
- Covering stockpiled soil with heavy duty plastic sheeting;
- Monitoring the air for dust and volatile organic compounds;
- Removing soil and debris from truck trailers, tires, and cabs before leaving the excavation area; and
- Securing trucks with sealed covers before leaving. the work area.

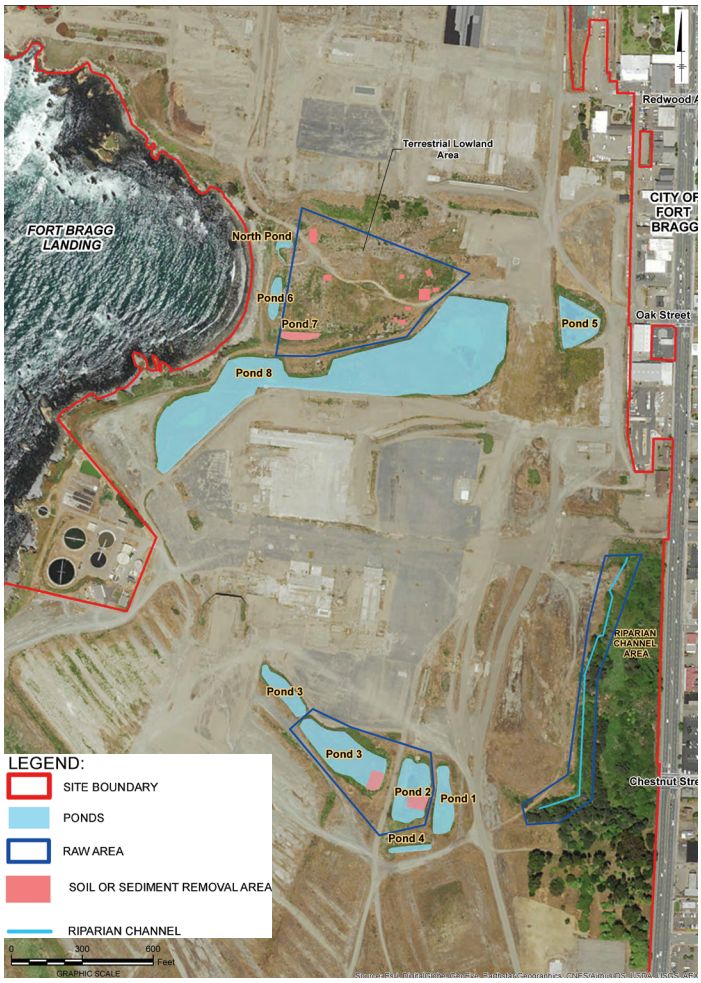

Figure 1 – DTSC plans soil and sediment removals in the Terrestrial Lowland area, Ponds 2, 3, and 7, and at locations within the Riparian Channel.

Proposed Excavation Schedule and Truck Route

If approved, the OU-E removal work will occur at the same time as the DTSC approved work in OU-C and D. All will take place during the late summer and early fall of 2016. This work reduces risk to public health and the sources of groundwater contamination. Depending on the amount of soil and sediment removed, crews may have to use up to 250 trucks. Truckers will drive down State Highway 1 to State Highway 20. They will turn left onto State Highway 20 to drive over to State Highway 101.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Consistent with CEQA, DTSC has prepared an Initial Study to evaluate the potential impacts of the proposed project on the environment. The Initial Study findings show that the project should not have a significant effect on public health or the environment as long as we include measures to protect cultural resources, reduce dust emissions, and protect sensitive environmental habitat. Therefore, we have prepared a proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the draft RAW. You can review and comment on both the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration during the public comment period.

Community Workshops

DTSC will hold two Community Workshops on the OU-E draft RAW and the former Mill Site cleanup at 6:30 P.M. at the Town Hall in Fort Bragg on April 21, 2016 and June 2, 2016. At the first Workshop, we will present the proposed removal and future cleanup efforts and answer questions. The second Workshop gives you a chance to tell us what you think about the draft RAW.

Next Steps

We will accept written public comments on the draft RAW and draft Mitigated Negative Declaration until June 13, 2016. At the end of the public comment period, DTSC will consider all public comments. Then based on our evaluation, we will make any needed changes to the draft RAW for OU-E. Also, we will prepare a Response to Comments and mail a copy to those who provided comments or requested to receive a copy. We will place a copy of this document in the places listed below.

Coastal Development Permit

The City of Fort Bragg's Planning Commission will consider a Coastal Development Permit for the implementation of the RAW. The Coastal Development Permit will be processed after DTSC approves the RAW and MND. The Planning Commission will make the final determination about the project in July or August of 2016.

Where to Find Information

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