



DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC  
SUBSTANCES CONTROL



# Public Notice

## Draft Removal Action Workplan At McGuire Ranch

### 22501 Bald Hill Road, Mendocino County

Public Comment Period: July 2 to August 7, 2009

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is issuing the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for McGuire Ranch for public review and comment. McGuire Ranch (Site) is a 256 acre property located at 22501 Bald Hill Road in unincorporated Mendocino County, California. The draft RAW proposes to clean up approximately 2.5 acres of soil contaminated with dioxins/furans at concentrations that could pose a potential risk to human health and the environment. The draft RAW public comment period runs from **July 2 to August 7, 2009**.

The Site is located on a privately owned ranch, and consists primarily of pasture land used for beef cattle grazing. Soil samples taken at the Site indicate that the only contaminants of concern in soil at the Site are dioxins/furans. The soil is impacted to a depth of approximately 1 foot below ground surface within a 2.5 acre portion of one of 16 fields used for grazing. The draft RAW proposes the following cleanup activities:

- Removal of soil containing levels of dioxins/furans greater than 40 pg/g (picograms per gram). Soil removal will include the top one-foot of impacted soil over a 2.5 acre area (approximately 3900 cubic yards).
- Disposal of soil with contamination above the Site cleanup goals at an appropriate permitted facility.
- Safety and dust control measures (such as spraying excavations, stockpiles, and roadways with water and air monitoring) to help prevent airborne dust and ensure public safety.

DTSC has determined that, as a minor hazardous waste removal action, implementation of the RAW is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the removal. The draft RAW, draft NOE, and other site-related documents are available at the following locations:

**Fort Bragg Library**  
499 Laurel Street  
Fort Bragg, CA 95437  
(707) 964-2020

**DTSC File Room**  
700 Heinz Avenue  
Berkeley, CA 94710  
(510) 540-2122

Online at: [www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov)

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