

Department of Toxic Substances Control
Project Status Update
for
Wyle Laboratories Norco Facility Site
February 22, 2005

SITE INVESTIGATION/CLEANUP DOCUMENTS

- DTSC continued its review of the Revised Report of Additional Investigation Along Site Boundary dated December 22, 2004. The Report presents the results of the sampling conducted along the areas northwest, west, and southwest of the former Wyle Laboratories facility. The purpose of the Boundary Assessment was to determine whether Wyle-related contaminants have impacted the surrounding community. Boundary sampling included soil, soil gas, surface water, and groundwater along the boundaries of the site. Boundary sampling results revealed the presence of contamination near Wyle's northwestern boundary. Consequently, soil gas sampling was conducted along Golden West Lane and on residential properties. DTSC will provide comments and/or approve the Report by the end of February.

- DTSC issued comments on the "Additional Off-Site Subsurface Investigation" Technical Memorandum (TM). The TM is a planning document that interprets results of the sampling done on Golden West, 3rd Street and Hillside Avenue, and details the additional sampling that will be done to define boundaries of contamination and assess potential impact to the residents from Wyle-related contaminants detected in soil gas and groundwater.

INVESTIGATION/CLEANUP FIELD WORK

- DTSC has received results of recent sampling activities offsite near Wyle's northwestern boundary that began in late December 2004. DTSC approved this sampling, which is part of the larger Remedial Investigation, in an expedited manner because it is considered a top priority due to potential impact to the surrounding community. Sampling included soil gas and groundwater on Golden West Lane, Third Street and Hillside Avenue. Results show elevated TCE and Perchlorate in shallow groundwater (15-25 ft below ground surface), and elevated TCE in soil gas at a few locations along Third Street and Hillside. The purpose of this investigation is to define the boundaries of Wyle-related offsite contamination and gather information needed to design a cleanup system for that northwest area. Activities included in the TM referenced above are a continuation of this effort.

- DTSC requested Wyle to sample a reported seep in the backyard of a residence on Raquel Road. The purpose of the seep sampling is to determine if Wyle-related contaminants in groundwater are migrating through bed rock fractures and surfacing in seeps near the site boundary. During excavation in preparation for installing a sampling device on February 16, 2005, it was discovered that water seepage was due to a leaking pipe in the backyard. The homeowner was

unaware of the pipe, and will determine its origin and use. DTSC will follow up to confirm that the seep is not due to groundwater surfacing at that location.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- DTSC staff attended the Norco City Council Meeting on February 16, 2005, and updated the Council on the Wyle project status. DTSC staff presented information pertaining to the Remedial Investigation Work Plan and seep sampling at a residence on Raquel Road, Norco. In response to the Council's request, DTSC staff attends the monthly Council meetings to update the Council on Wyle project status.
- DTSC staff attended the Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting, on February 17, 2005. DTSC staff gave a presentation on the working relationship between DTSC, Wyle, and Wyle's contractors (Environ), and the health effects of contaminants found at Wyle. Media representatives were present.
- Wyle submitted an expanded mailing list of businesses and residences within a mile of the Wyle property boundary on February 18, 2005. DTSC is reviewing the list to ensure completeness.