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Draft Remedial Action Plan Proposing No Further Action for Wyle Labs Upper Basin Available For Public Comment

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on a draft no further action plan, called a draft No Further Action Remedial Action Plan (NFARAP) for the Upper Basin of the former Wyle Laboratories (Wyle) site. Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC also proposes a Notice of Exemption (NOE) as no impact to human health and the environment is anticipated. DTSC encourages you to review and comment on the draft NFARAP for the Upper Basin which is available at the Information Repositories listed on page 3. Inside this fact sheet we are informing you about:

- Site Location and History
- Upper Basin and Lower Basin
- What Is a NFARAP?
- Current Conditions of the Upper Basin & Why Should the Upper Basin Should Be Closed
- California Environmental Quality Act
- Next Steps
- Where to Find Site Documents

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD **April 16, to May 15, 2009**

The draft NFARAP for the Upper Basin and other related project documents are available for review at the Information Repository locations listed on page 3. We will consider and respond to all public comments before the draft NFARAP for the Upper Basin is implemented. Public comments must be postmarked or e-mailed no later than May 15, 2009, and sent to: Mr. Rafat Abbasi, P.E., Project Manager, Department of Toxic Substances Control, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630-4732, E-mail: rabbasi@dtsc.ca.gov.

OPEN HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT **May 5, 2009 – 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

Corona-Norco Unified School District, Learning Center North
2820 Clark Avenue, Norco 92860-1903

DTSC invites you to an Open House to meet with you, receive your comments and discuss any project concerns you have. No formal presentation will be given. Please join us **Tuesday, May 5, 2009**, from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.



Site Location and History

Wyle Labs is located at 1841 Hillside Avenue and occupies about 429-acres of mostly undeveloped land in Norco. Surrounding properties include residences to the south and north, residences and Norco High School to the west, and a golf course to the east. The site is a former defense, aerospace and consumer-product testing facility operating from the late 1950s until 2004. Wyle Labs tested products and materials for the defense, aerospace, and consumer products industries. The site was divided into operational areas typically consisting of one or more small buildings and/or outdoor testing areas built for specific kinds of tests. The majority of the buildings were demolished with only a few structures currently remaining at the site. The site is currently inactive. The property currently is zoned for industrial use and future property use is undetermined.

Hazardous substances such as chlorinated solvents, petroleum hydrocarbons, explosives, and rocket motor fuels were handled and/or used during operations. These uses resulted in localized releases of hazardous substances into soil and groundwater. The site is fenced and site security is present to restrict public access.

Upper Basin and Lower Basin

The Wyle property was divided into three areas: The Upper Basin, the Lower Basin, and the Northwest Area.

Upper Basin: The 212-acre Upper Basin is located on the easternmost portion of the site and comprised of the semi-isolated drainage basin that drains the surrounding granitic hills and knobs. It includes former Wyle use areas: Areas F5, Area J, Area K, and the Quarry. The Upper Basin is being addressed in this Upper Basin draft NFARAP.

Lower Basin: The eastern extent of the Lower Basin meets the western extent of the Upper Basin where the southwesterly flowing ephemeral stream begins to flow between Areas F and H. The Lower Basin drains the area occupied by Areas E, F, and H and southward where the main ephemeral stream exist the site. It is comprised of former Wyle use Areas A, B,

C, D, E, F, G, H, I, and M. The Lower Basin (which covers six remedial areas) is being addressed in a separate draft RAP and will be available for public review and comment in the near future.

What is a NFARAP?

In accordance with the Health and Safety Code, DTSC is required to document its cleanup decisions by preparing a Remedial Action Plan. Since the site is divided between Upper and Lower Basins and the Upper Basin does not require any additional remediation of soil and/or groundwater, a NFARAP is required. This draft NFARAP, prepared specifically for the Upper Basin of the former Wyle site, describes previous investigations, investigation results, and the remedial (cleanup) actions that took place in the Upper Basin and the analysis that lead to the selected remedial action of “No Further Action” for the Upper Basin.

Current Conditions of the Upper Basin

The Upper Basin is unoccupied. Multiple phases of subsurface investigations, followed by soil remedial actions in the past have successfully rendered residual contaminants in both soil and groundwater to the highest beneficial use, namely unrestricted land use for the Upper Basin.

Upper Basin Soil: In the Upper Basin, previous contaminants of concern in soil in localized areas were addressed through small, shallow excavations (interim removal action) under a Removal Action Workplan (RAW), which was successfully completed in 2008. The soil in these areas was impacted with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), perchlorate, and lead. The completed Remedial Action Completion Report provided for the attainment of regulatory closure of the Upper Basin.

Upper Basin Groundwater: In the Upper Basin, groundwater did not exceed Risk Based Threshold Concentrations that were calculated as part of the RI process.

Why the Upper Basin Should Be Closed

Based on the comprehensive RI investigation, the baseline Human Health Risk Assessment, and an Ecological Risk Assessment of the Upper Basin,

the Upper Basin does not pose an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment. Accordingly, no additional remedial action, beyond what was conducted to date is planned for the Upper Basin and therefore the selected remedial action for the Upper Basin is “No Further Action.”

How You Can Participate

We want to know what you think of the draft NFARAP for the Upper Basin of the site. A 30-day public comment period begins April 16, 2009 and ends May 15, 2009. You may provide your comments on the draft RAP during this time. All public comments must be postmarked or e-mailed by May 15, 2009, and sent to:

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Potential Environmental Impacts Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

DTSC is required by CEQA to review environmental activities for the possibility of impacts, before approving the project. DTSC prepared a Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project, as the proposed activities will not significantly impact human health or the environment.

Where to View draft NFARAP and Other Project Documents

The draft NFARAP and other supporting documents can be viewed at the following Information Repositories:

Corona Norco Library – Heritage Room
650 S. Main Street, Corona, CA 92882-3417
(951) 736-2381
Mon – Thurs: 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Fri – Sun: Closed

**Norco City Hall
Community Development Department**
2870 Clark Avenue, Norco, CA 92860-1903
(951) 270-5661
Mon – Thurs: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Please call the number below left for an appointment.

Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice

7701 Mission Boulevard
Glen Avon, CA 92509-2925
(951) 360-8451

Mon – Fri: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Sat – Sun: Closed

Please call the number above for an appointment.

Department of Toxic Substances Control

5796 Corporate Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630-4732
(714) 484-5337

Mon – Fri: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Please contact Ms. Julie Johnson at the number above to make an appointment.

Next Steps

Activities to be completed in the coming months include:

- Completion of the Lower Basin draft RAP. You will be notified and provided the opportunity to review and comment on that draft RAP in the near future.
- Continued operation, evaluation, and modification of the HCS in the Northwest Area to control and/or contain the migration of contamination off-site.

Who to Contact at DTSC for Information

If you have any questions about the project or the proposed NFARAP activities, please contact the following DTSC staff:

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For more information about the Wyle Labs site visit www.EnviroStor.dtsc.ca.gov. For more information about DTSC, visit our website at www.dtsc.ca.gov.

Notice to Hearing Impaired

TDD users can use the California Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 to reach Ms. Stacey Lear, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (714) 484-5354 or toll-free 1-866-495-5651.

