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Update on Re-Sampling of Riverside Agricultural Park & Notice of Additional Cleanup

Why This Notice? Our agency, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), provided lead regulatory oversight of the removal of soil contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) at the Riverside Agricultural Park property, located at 7020 Crest Avenue in the city of Riverside. DTSC is a department within the California Environmental Protection Agency, and is responsible for overseeing environmental activities at sites such as the Riverside Agricultural Park (Ag Park). The property is vacant and fenced land bordered by Crest Avenue, Rutland Avenue and the Santa Ana River. The property is currently planned for residential development. Due to high community interest and concern, DTSC has been collaborating with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) on additional steps needed for the Ag Park.

November Sampling Results

In November, we informed you that environmental sampling activities had been conducted at the Ag Park on November 2 and 3, 2015. A total of 176 samples were collected, and results indicate consistent, low-level PCB concentrations for a majority of the property with some elevated areas that will need to be dug out and removed. Families living around the Ag Park, and people who use the Santa Ana River recreational trail are not at risk. However, some areas will require removal prior to building new homes and to ensure the long-term safety of residents moving in.

Please turn to the other side of this notice to learn more about the proposed additional cleanup that is going to start soon.

Riverside Ag Park Off-Site Evaluation Community Work Group

Your participation is encouraged. DTSC is currently in the process of setting up a work group where residents living in the Riverside Ag Park neighborhood can participate in a collaborative and meaningful dialogue with DTSC and other local government and health agencies. The goal of the Riverside Ag Park Off-Site Evaluation Community Work Group will be to provide feedback on plans for evaluation of the neighborhood surrounding the Riverside Ag Park and represent the diverse interests of the local community. DTSC will consider membership requests from neighbors who are willing to participate as lead voluntary liaisons of the Off-Site Evaluation Community Work Group. The Off-Site Evaluation Community Work Group meetings will be open to the public. If you are interested in participating, please contact Stacey Lear, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (714) 484-5354 or via e-mail at [HYPERLINK "mailto:Stacey.Lear@dtsc.ca.gov"].

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

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Notice of Upcoming Additional Cleanup Activities at Riverside Ag Park

Based on the November 2016 sampling discussed on the previous page, DTSC and US EPA decided an additional cleanup of soil is needed at the Ag Park if the Site is developed for residential purposes. The proposal for cleanup which includes the removal of all PCBs found above the original cleanup level of 0.22 mg/kg will be conducted in accordance with the Response Plan that was approved by DTSC in 2006, with additional details outlined in a January 2016 Soil Sampling and Excavation Plan.

Here is some information regarding the proposed cleanup:

Soil Removal Amount:	~8,000 to ~15,000 tons
Cleanup Duration:	April –June/July 2016
Work Hours:	7:00 am – 5:00 pm Monday – Friday & 8:00 am – 4:00 pm on Saturdays
Truck Traffic:	About 60-80 trucks will enter/exit the property per work day during soil removal, with about ~350 - ~550 total truckloads

Dust Control

The following actions will be implemented during this cleanup to ensure public safety and minimize dust:

1. Driving all vehicles at slow speeds while on the property
2. Spraying of work areas with clean water to control dust
3. Cover soil stockpiles with plastic sheeting
4. Masks and protective clothing worn by on-site workers
5. Securing trucks with covers before they leave the property
6. Truck tires entering and exiting the property will be brushed to remove soils and debris
7. Monitoring air at the property to ensure dust stays at safe levels
8. Compliance with all applicable South Coast Air Quality Management District requirements

Truck Route

1. Truck entrance/exit is located on Jurupa Avenue
2. East on Jurupa Avenue to Van Buren Boulevard
3. Van Buren Boulevard to the 60 Freeway

Sampling

Additional investigative sampling may occur prior to approval of the cleanup proposal. Confirmation samples will be collected during and after removal is completed to ensure that the cleanup goal is met.

Cleanup Plan Available for Public Review

The cleanup plan, "January 2016 Soil Sampling and Excavation Plan", will be available for public review from March 4th through April 4th 2016. If you would like to review this document, you can find it at [HYPERLINK "http://www.dtsc.ca/AgPark"], or at the Arlanza Public Library located at 8267 Philbin Avenue. Please call the library at [HYPERLINK "javascript:void(0)" \o "Call via Hangouts"] for hours. We also have the documents at our office at 5796 Corporate Avenue in Cypress. Please call the File Room Coordinator, at (714) 484-5337 for an appointment.

Questions?

For concerns about the cleanup, or the Riverside Ag Park Off-Site Evaluation Community Work Group, contact Stacey Lear, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (714) 484-5354 or via e-mail at [HYPERLINK "mailto:Stacey.Lear@dtsc.ca.gov"].

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