

Work Notice

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.

Field Work At the UC Richmond And Zeneca Sites

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is distributing this work notice to inform the community about DTSC approved work at the University of California, Richmond Site at 1301 South 46th Street, Richmond, California 94804 and at the Zeneca Site, South 49th Street, Richmond, California 94804.

Phase IV Field Work And Groundwater Level Monitoring at UC Richmond:

The University of California has been conducting investigation and cleanup actions at UC Richmond under DTSC oversight. Phases I, II and III of the site investigation have been completed and resulted in the approval of a Remedial Action Workplan (RAW) for the upland areas of the Site in July 2014. Two additional phases (Phase IV and V) remain to complete the investigation of the Site.

Field work to collect groundwater levels from monitoring wells located across the Site and to implement the Phase IV investigation will begin in October 2014. This work is expected to take 6 weeks to complete, weather permitting. This work includes: soil sampling in the Upland meadows area; soil gas sampling to identify the source of carbon tetrachloride contamination in shallow groundwater in the Big Meadow; installation and sampling of piezometers along the border of the East Transition Area and within a portion of West Stege Marsh; and exploratory excavation of an area commonly referred to as the "Bulb" within the Western Transition Area. Also about six cubic yards of soil contaminated by hydraulic oil from a valve leak at Building 421 will be dug out by hand for disposal.

Groundwater Monitoring at the Zeneca Site:

Beginning in early October 2014 workers will measure water levels and collect groundwater samples from monitoring wells located across the Site. This work is expected to take approximately two weeks to complete. The monitoring will help evaluate groundwater conditions at the Site.

What Will I See?

- Workers in protective clothing, with handheld equipment and support vehicles will be seen in both areas monitoring groundwater wells and collecting samples.
- Work in the UC area will also include trucks and drill rigs during soil and soil gas sampling and installation of piezometers.
- Excavation of the "Bulb" area will include excavation equipment and trucks. More information will be provided before the excavation work takes place.

How Can I Find More Information?

The work plan and other project-related documents and information can be found at the following locations:

Richmond Library
325 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA

(Call 510-620-6561 for hours)

DTSC File room
700 Heinz Avenue
Berkeley, CA

(Call 510-540-3880 for appointment)

You may also access this information on the DTSC Envirostor website: <http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>. Click on “Site/Facility Search” on the left side and enter “Richmond” as the City then click “Get Report.” Find the “UC Richmond” Site and/or “Zeneca Richmond Ag Products” Site, then click on the “Report” link..

If you would like DTSC to notify you via email when new Envirostor documents are available online, please sign up to receive email alerts on the EnviroStor report page.

DTSC Contact Information:

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For media questions, contact: Sandy Nax, Public Information Officer, (916) 323-6114 or Sandy.Nax@dtsc.ca.gov.

Si prefiere hablar con alguien en español acerca de ésta información, favor de llamar a Jacinto Soto, Departamento de Control de Substancias Tóxicas. El número de teléfono es (510) 540-3842.



UC Berkeley, Richmond and Zeneca Area