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Company Dept of Environmental Health

FROM:

Mara Feeney & Associates  
Name Melissa Mednick

RE:

Reference S-W Work notification

COMMENTS

8/3/98  
Attached is a copy of the work notice  
that was delivered to Corp + Horton Street  
Lggs resident on Friday 7/31/98  
Melissa

If you do not receive all pages in this transmittal, please  
contact the office at the above phone number. Thank you.

# SHERWIN-WILLIAMS SITE UPDATE

July 31, 1998

This update has been prepared to provide community members with information about upcoming activities associated with the remediation of the Sherwin-Williams Site. Approximate dates for activities are provided below. For more specific schedule information, please contact the information phone line which has been established for this project (see box below).

## REMEDIAL ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

### SAMPLING ON THE RIFKIN PROPERTY

Drilling is scheduled to begin as early as August 6th on the southern portion of the Rifkin property (The Rifkin property is Area 1 on the map below). The field work will involve drilling soil borings and collecting soil and groundwater samples. The drill rig and augers used for the borings may at times generate substantial noise. Because of sampling procedures and controls, minimal dust will be generated. For the most part, the work will be set back from Horton Street and should have minimal impact on the neighborhood. The drilling and collection of samples will occur between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm on weekdays, and the work is expected to last about a week. Drilling and sampling on the northern portion of the Rifkin property is expected to begin the week of August 24th and also last approximately a week.

### SEALING THE RETAINING WALL ON HORTON STREET

Pending approval by the regulatory agencies and the City of Emeryville, a steel barrier plate will be attached to the Sherwin-Williams retaining wall on the west side of Horton Street (Area 2 on the map) during the week of August 10th. The plate will act as a more durable cover over the precipitate that was discovered on the wall last winter. The wall is

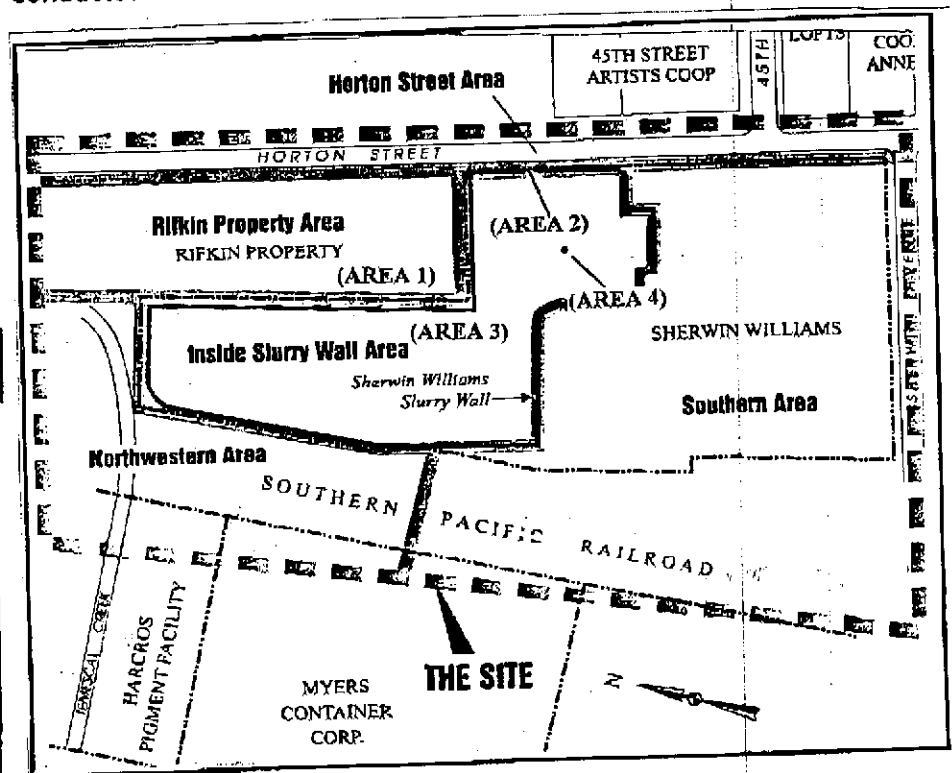
currently covered with plastic and fenced off to prevent human contact with the precipitate. After installation, the wall will be painted a neutral color. Attaching the barrier plate will involve saw-cutting the sidewalk and bolting the plate to the retaining wall. A small crane may also be needed to transport the plate. The saw-cutting and the drilling for the bolts may at times generate substantial noise, but the work is expected to be completed within a few days. Although minimal dust will be generated, dust suppression techniques such as spraying the work area with water will be employed. Work will be conducted between 9 am and 5 pm.

### PROJECT PHONE LINE ESTABLISHED

A project information number has been set up to provide community members with information about current and upcoming site activities. The number is:

**(510) 869-5466**

The taped message at this number will be updated regularly by Levine-Fricke-Rebon staff and will be accessible 24 hours a day. There is no charge to call this number from Emeryville.



## DRILLING, TRENCHING AND EXCAVATION ON THE SHERWIN- WILLIAMS PROPERTY

The existing groundwater extraction and treatment system at the Sherwin-Williams Site is being modified and expanded to enable it to work more effectively. Modification and expansion of the system has been approved by the Regional Water Quality Control Board and will require the drilling of additional groundwater extraction wells, as well as trenching for the pipes that connect the wells to the treatment system. The new wells will all be installed on Sherwin-Williams property, within the area contained by the slurry wall (Area 3 on map). Wells and trenches installed on the west side of the Sherwin-Williams property will be located no closer than 50-60 feet west of Horton Street.

Drilling will be done with a drill rig and trenching will require saw-cutting the asphalt and use of a backhoe. Work will be done between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday. The drilling is expected to begin the week of August 24th, and the trenching at the end of August. The work is expected to be substantially completed by the end of September.

While the drilling and trenching are being done, Sherwin-Williams also anticipates removing the storage tank currently located on the raised  
(SEE BELOW)

### REMEDIAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Please note that this schedule is tentative. For accurate and up-to-date schedule information, please call the project information line at 869-5466.

- ⇒ August 6-13: Drilling and sampling on the southern section of the B-100 property.
- ⇒ Week of August 10: Seal Horton Street retaining wall.
- ⇒ Week of August 24: Drilling and sampling on the northern section of the B-100 property. Drilling new extraction wells on the S-W property. Removal of S-W storage tank.
- ⇒ Week of August 31: Trenching for the extraction/treatment system pipes.

## ENSURING WORKER SAFETY

During all of the activities described in this update, workers will wear appropriate health and safety gear, which in some situations will include tyvek suits. In addition, any backhoe, drill rig or crane used at the Site will be equipped with a backup beeper to protect workers in the area. We apologize in advance for any disturbance the beepers may cause, but they are required by state and federal OSHA regulations and are critical to worker safety.

## FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SITE ACTIVITIES

If you have questions about the work described in this update, you can contact Mark Johnson of the Regional Water Quality Control Board during regular office hours at (510) 622-2493 until August 7, 1998. Mark will be on vacation from August 10th-September 7th. During his absence, you can contact Anders Lundgren of the Water Board at (510) 622-2300. Larry Mencin of Sherwin-Williams can be reached at (216) 566-1768.

If you have questions about field work in progress, you can also page Mike Marsden of Levine-Fricke-Recon at (510) 539-9045. While field work is in progress, Mike Marsden's pager number will be posted in the lobbies of the Artists' Co-op and Horton Street Lofts, as well.



## DRILLING, TRENCHING AND EXCAVATION (CONTINUED)

asphalt cap, approximately 50 feet from the west side of Horton Street (Area 4 on map). The area underneath the tank, a former water supply well, will be excavated to determine whether it was abandoned properly in the mid-1960s. A crane will be required to remove the storage tank, and jackhammers, sawcutters and a backhoe will be required for excavating the well. The drilling, trenching and excavating will generate substantial noise at times. Dust suppression procedures will be used to control dust. Excavation of the well is expected to be substantially completed by the end of September.



# Work Notification

August 1999

## South Prescott Park and the Union Pacific Vacant Lot Sites Oakland CA

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The California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has prepared this work notification to advise residents in Oakland, California of field work to be performed beginning in August 1999. Under the oversight of DTSC, Caltrans and Union Pacific will begin to implement the Site cleanup activities described in the South Prescott Park Final Remedial Action Plan and the Final Removal Action Workplan for the 1509/1513 Third Street portion of the West Oakland Rail Yard (Vacant Lot RAW). South Prescott Park is located along Third Street. Work will take place during the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. During these field activities one lane of traffic and some street parking will be blocked off.

### Upcoming construction activities at the future South Prescott Park:

- o Contractors began moving in trailers on June 15, 1999. This work occurred outside of the excavation area. Site preparation activities began on August 5. This includes bringing in a water tank, weed cutting, putting up fencing and construction of a haul road along the Soundwall.
- o Excavation work is planned to start on August 23, and is expected to take one to three months to complete. Confirmation soil samples will be taken following the initial excavation activities. Excavation will continue until confirmation soil samples show that soil containing chemicals above the Site's cleanup goals have been removed from the Site. Following excavation, the Site will be graded and then covered with three feet of clean fill material. This, together with the remaining park construction activities (e.g., installing electrical service, water lines, landscaping and playground facilities) and the plant establishment period could take up to two years to complete.
- o Workers will be suited in appropriate work gear. Workers, if necessary, will wear respirators during excavation of contaminated soil. The level of protection for the workers will depend on the results of the personal air monitoring. Personal and area air monitoring will be conducted to ensure the adequacy of the dust control measures implemented during the excavation. Dust control measures, including wetting of soil, will be implemented during excavation at the Site.
- o Personal and perimeter air monitoring will be conducted during soil excavation. Results of area air monitoring are planned to be posted on a bulletin board located at Peralta and Third Street. In addition Caltrans has established a hotline number which will provide daily information regarding the status of work on the project. This number is (510)286-7398.
- o No trucks carrying contaminated dirt will use the four local streets along Third Street between Peralta Street and Mandela Parkway.

### Upcoming activities at the Union Pacific Vacant Lot Site:

- o Excavation of soil will begin in August 1999 and will be coordinated with the work at the South Prescott Park Site. The excavation, grading and backfilling activities are expected to take about two weeks.
- o During construction, workers will be suited in appropriate work gear. Workers will be wearing respirators until the initial air monitoring results have been evaluated. Dust control measures including wetting of soil will be implemented during excavation at the Site.
- o Area air monitoring will be conducted to ensure the adequacy of the dust control measures implemented during the excavation.
- o No trucks carrying contaminated dirt will use the four local streets along Third Street between Peralta Street and Mandela Parkway.

**For more information, contact:**

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Cal/EPA-DTSC  
(510) 540-3833

Rachelle Maricq,  
Public Participation Specialist  
Cal/EPA-DTSC  
(510) 540-3910

Steve Williams  
Public Information Officer  
Caltrans  
286-7399

You may review information about the South Prescott Park and Union Pacific Vacant Lot sites at any of the following locations:

Caltrans Public Affairs  
Stephen Williams  
111 Grand Ave.  
Oakland, Ca 94612  
(510) 286-7399

City of Oakland Public Library  
West Oakland Branch  
1801 Adeline Street  
Oakland, CA 94607  
(510) 238-7352

DTSC  
Berkeley Office  
700 Heinz Ave., Ste 200  
Berkeley, CA 94710  
(510) 540-3800  
(call for appointment)

**INFORMACION EN ESPANOL** Si necesita informacion en Espanol por favor  
pon gase en contacto con Jacinto Soto (510) 540-3842.

**CALTRANS HOTLINE (510)286-7398**



DTSC  
Berkeley Office  
700 Heinz Ave., Ste 300  
Berkeley, CA 94710  
ATTN: Rachelle Maricq

**Notice to Hearing  
Impaired Individuals**

TDD users can obtain additional information by using the California Relay Service (1-888-877-5378) to reach DTSC Public Participation Specialist Rachelle Maricq at (510) 540-3910.

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**Aviso de Trabajo**  
**agosto 1999**  
**Sitios Parque de South Prescott y Lote Vacante de Union Pacific**  
**Oakland CA**

La Agencia Para la Protección Ambiental de California, Departamento de Control de Substancias Tóxicas (DTSC) ha preparado éste aviso de trabajo para informar a residentes en Oakland, California de el trabajo a realizarse comenzando en agosto de 1999. Supervisados por DTSC, Caltrans y Union Pacific implementarán las actividades de limpieza descritas en el Plan Final de Acción de Remediación y en el Plan Final de Acción de Remoción de la sección de el 1509/1513 de la Calle Tercera en el Patio del Ferrocarril en el Oeste de Oakland (RAW de el Lote Vacante). El Parque South Prescott está localizado a lo largo de la Calle Tercera. El trabajo será realizado durante las horas de 7:00 a.m. y 5:00 p.m. Durante éstas actividades una línea de tráfico y parqueo en la calle serán cerrados.

**Actividades de construcción venideras en el futuro Parque South Prescott**

- Contratistas comenzaron a moverse en camiones de remolque el 15 de junio de 1999. Este trabajo ocurrió fuera de el área de excavación. Actividades de preparación de el Sitio comenzaron en agosto 5. Esto incluye traer un tanque de agua, cortar la mala hierba, poner una cerca y construir un camino a lo largo de la Pared de Sonido.
- Trabajo de excavación está planeado a empezar el 23 de agosto, y se espera que tome aproximadamente de uno a tres meses para completar. Muestras de confirmación de el suelo serán tomadas después de las actividades de excavación iniciales. La excavación continuará hasta que las muestras de suelo indiquen que el suelo conteniendo químicos sobre las metas de limpieza han sido removidos de el Sitio. Después de la excavación, el Sitio será nivelado y luego cubierto con tres pies de material de relleno limpio. Esto, junto con el resto de actividades de construcción en el parque (i.e., instalación de servicio eléctrico, tuberías de agua, jardinería y facilidades de recreación) y el período de establecimiento de la planta podría tomar hasta dos años para completar.
- Los trabajadores vestirán trajes especiales para éste tipo de trabajo. Los trabajadores, si es necesario llevarán puesto respiradores durante la excavación de suelo contaminado. El nivel de protección para los trabajadores dependerá de los resultados de inspección de el aire a el personal. Inspecciones de el aire a el personal y en el área serán conducidas para asegurar que las medidas para controlar el polvo son implementadas adecuadamente durante la excavación. Medidas para controlar el polvo, incluyendo mojar el suelo, serán implementadas durante excavación en el Sitio.
- Inspecciones de el aire a el personal y en el perímetro serán conducidas durante la excavación de el suelo. Resultados de inspección de el aire en el área serán postulados en un boletín localizado en la calle Peralta y Tercera. Además, Caltrans ha establecido un número de teléfono el cual proveerá información diaria acerca del progreso de el trabajo

en el proyecto. Este número es (510)286-7398.

- No camiones cargando suelo contaminado usarán las cuatro calles locales a lo largo de la Calle Tercera entre la Calle Peralta y Mandela Parkway.

**Actividades venideras en el Sitio de el Lote Vacante de la Union Pacific:**

- Excavación de el suelo empezará en agosto de 1999 y será coordinado con el trabajo en el Sitio de el Parque South Prescott. Las actividades de excavación, nivelamiento y rellenamiento tomarán aproximadamente dos semanas.
- Durante construcción, los trabajadores vestirán trajes especiales para éste tipo de trabajo. Los trabajadores, si es necesario llevarán puesto respiradores hasta que los resultados iniciales del inspección de el aire sean evaluados. Medidas para controlar el polvo, incluyendo mojar el suelo, serán impletadas durante excavación en el Sitio.
- Inspección de el aire en el area será para confirmar la eficacia de las medidas de control de el polvo implementadas durento la excavación.
- No camiones cargando suelo contaminado usarán las cuatro calles locales a lo largo de la Calle Tercera entre la Calle Peralta y Mandela Parkway.

**NOTICIA PARA LOS INDIVIDUAS  
QUE NO OYEN MUY BIEN**

Usadores de TDD pueden obtener información adicional usando el Servicio Relay de California (1-88-877-5378) para ponerse en contacto con la Coordinadora de Participación Pública Rachelle Maricq en el (510) 540-3910.

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