



## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY BEGINS THIRD FIVE-YEAR REVIEW OF CLEANUP AT THE WATKINS-JOHNSON SUPERFUND SITE**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has begun the third five-year review of cleanup actions undertaken at the Watkins-Johnson Company (Stewart Division) Superfund Site located in Scotts Valley, CA. A remedy was selected for the site in 1990 to address contaminated soil and groundwater. Currently, there is a groundwater extraction and treatment system operating at the site, with discharge of the treated water to Bean Creek. Treated water does not present any human health concerns and is not used as drinking water.

#### **THE REVIEW PROCESS**

The purpose of the five-year review is to understand how the constructed remedy is operating and to measure the progress towards meeting the Site's cleanup objectives in order to protect human health and the environment. Because hazardous substances remain onsite above risk-based levels that prevent unrestricted use and exposure, EPA will be conducting this review. Specifically, EPA will be looking into the movement or breakdown of site contaminants, the operation of mechanical components, the application of property restrictions, the integrity of the cap and fences, changes in scientific knowledge about site contaminants, changes in exposure pathways, and changes in regulations. EPA will be interviewing State regulatory authorities, and interested members of the public.

#### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

If you have any concerns about the Watkins-Johnson Site, and particularly if you have direct knowledge regarding the operation and maintenance of the remedy, then EPA would like to talk with you. Please contact Bruni Dávila, Project Manager for the Site. When completed, a copy of the final report will be placed in the information repository and be available on-line at the location and website given below.

#### **SITE HISTORY**

Watkins-Johnson Company (WJC) began operations at the site in 1963, which included manufacturing industrial furnaces and electronic components, and using the site as a research facility. Soil and groundwater contamination occurred when chemical waste was disposed into the drainage system. In 1984 investigations found chemicals such as trichloroethylene (TCE); 1,1,2 – trichloroethane (TCA); and trans-1,2 dichloroethylene (1,2-DCE) among other chemicals at the site. In 1990 the Site cleanup plan included the capping of certain surface areas to reduce infiltration and contaminant migration, a groundwater pump and treat system (with discharge to the nearby Bean Creek), and a soil vapor extraction (SVE) system to cleanup the soil. Currently, the groundwater system continues to operate.

#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Please visit EPA's website for the Watkins-Johnson Site: [www.epa.gov/region09/Watkins-Johnson](http://www.epa.gov/region09/Watkins-Johnson). Or visit the information repositories to review the administrative record or contact EPA representatives.

#### **Information Repositories:**

##### **Scotts Valley Branch Library**

251 Kings Village Road  
Scotts Valley, CA 95066  
Telephone: (831) 427-7712  
Hours: Mon & Sat: 1 - 5 pm, Tue & Thu: 10 am - 7 pm,  
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