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Notification to Tenants

Arcata, California

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This is an update from the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) regarding the results of recent groundwater sampling near your home or business. This is important information, and we are available to explain the results to you if you have any questions or concerns.

What did we learn? We found low levels of Pentachlorophenol (PCP) in groundwater at 1557 Glendale Drive, Arcata. PCP is an industrial wood preservative used to treat lumber and was recently reported at 5.2 micrograms per liter ($\mu\text{g/L}$). The maximum contaminant level for drinking water is 1.0 $\mu\text{g/L}$.

How did we get here? On August 22, 2023, groundwater sampling was done to determine if contamination was present. Contamination may be linked to past lumber treatment at the former McNamara & Peepe Site, located at 1619 Glendale Drive, Arcata, California. DTSC is the lead agency providing oversight for the cleanup activities at the McNamara & Peepe Site. Groundwater sampling is conducted at the Site and offsite locations to monitor contamination in relation to previous lumber mill activities.

Why does this matter? PCP is a hazardous substance that can be harmful to your health, especially if you are exposed to it at a very high concentration or for a long time. The levels detected in groundwater at 1557 Glendale Drive are low at 5.2 $\mu\text{g/L}$, and will continue to be monitored. PCP has not been detected in any other groundwater wells outside of the McNamara & Peepe Site.

What actions are being taken to address the problem? Further sampling is being conducted to monitor PCP levels in groundwater in surrounding areas at McNamara & Peepe Site.

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Who can you contact for more information? Project documents are available online at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov. Search for project code "12240115" or "McNamara and Peepe Lumber Mill" and select from the drop-down menu.

If you have any questions or concerns in general, please contact:

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