



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH County of Riverside

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Environmental Protection and Oversight

SITE CLEANUP PROGRAM

The Department of Environmental Health's Environmental Cleanup Program (ECP) provides oversight of environmental investigations and cleanup of contaminated sites. ECP staff review and manage all projects in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements and industry practices. When site conditions meet state and local cleanup criteria, and it is demonstrated that conditions do not pose a threat to human health or the environment, a Site Closure/No Further Action (NFA) letter is issued by ECP.

Application Information and Requirements:

- To initiate the process, submit a completed application to ECP along with electronic and paper copies of all documents relating to the assessment and/or remediation to be conducted at the site. A non-refundable fee for the first four hours of preliminary review will be collected to determine if the project can have oversight by ECP. Fees are based on the current hourly rate as specified in Riverside County Ordinance 640.
- California Health and Safety Code Sections 101480-101490 authorize the local agencies to enter into voluntary agreements for the oversight of remedial action at contaminated sites. Upon determination of eligibility for local oversight, ECP will notify the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) of intent to oversee the case. If either agency opts to oversee the case, they will notify ECP within 10 business days and the case will be transferred to the appropriate agency.
- Oversight activities will be initiated once the 10-day notification period is complete and an additional deposit is received. This deposit covers the first ten hours of oversight time. If more time beyond the initial 10 hours is necessary, additional payment will be required for oversight to continue. Projects will be reviewed quarterly for billing purposes. Applicant will be notified of additional balances to be reconciled. Agency oversight or issuance of an NFA letter will not be provided until all billable hours have been reconciled.
- Under certain circumstances, the applicant or ECP may withdraw from the oversight agreement at any time prior to the issuance of an NFA letter. If the agreement is canceled, the case will be referred to the appropriate state agency for oversight.

We look forward to working with you on this project and encourage your regular communication and involvement to achieve environmental site closure as quickly and efficiently as possible. If you have any questions, please contact the Environmental Cleanup Program at (951) 955-8980.

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