Upcoming Environmental Activities

Construction of a Pilot Treatment System April-May 2014

Some shoppers and employees of The Dunes on Monterey Bay ("The Dunes") shopping center in Marina may see workers and drilling equipment in the southern end of the parking lot during April.

WHAT? The Army will be installing a pilot treatment system to collect and treat soil gas. The information collected from this treatment system will be used to



Photograph of Typical Drilling Equipment

evaluate the presence of shallow soil gas originating from groundwater contamination in this area. Typical equipment will include drilling and other heavy construction equipment such as back hoes and trucks. A photo of typical drilling equipment is shown to the right. During drilling, you may see some parking spaces or other small areas of the parking lot or sidewalk coned off to allow for the safe operation of equipment and workers. In order to maintain safety during the drilling, we will be restricting access to the public in the immediate area of the drill rig. Additionally, you may hear very brief periods of loud sounds from the drill rig. A map of the locations where the construction will occur is shown on the reverse side. It is anticipated that construction will take 2 to 3 weeks. All drilling activities will be conducted according to the California Department of Toxic Substances Control guidance documents.

WHAT IS SOIL GAS? Open spaces in soil are filled with air (or soil gas) and water. Volatile organic chemicals from contaminated soil and groundwater can vaporize or evaporate into soil gas. The groundwater in this area is located about 70 feet below ground surface, contains low levels of volatile chemicals, and is being actively cleaned up by the Army.

WANT DETAILS? Reports and work plans related to this project are available in the Fort Ord Administration Record (www.FortOrdCleanup.com). The report titled *Final Pilot Study Work Plan, Remedial Investigation / Feasibility Study Addendum at Sites 2 and 12,* which includes the details about this specific construction project, is available on line at the following link: http://199.255.250.170/ar_pdfs/ar-bw-2683a/.

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