



Summary Meeting Notes

Meeting Topic: Lendrum Court Soil Testing Results
Where: Golden Gate Club - Hawthorne Room (135 Fisher Loop near the Main Post)
When: Wednesday, December 11, 2013
Time: 6:30PM to 8:30PM

Attendees:

North Fort Scott residents
Trust Staff: Eileen Fanelli; Genevieve Coyle; Ann Ostrander; Natalie Thomas
John Stewart Co. Staff: Darin Delagnes
DTSC Staff: Lori Koch; George Chow

Presentation slides are attached.

Background

The Trust Remediation Department submitted a draft report to the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) summarizing the results of site investigation and soil sampling at the Lendrum Court area. The report is titled "*Investigation Summary Report and Screening Risk Evaluation*". A copy of the report was made available to North Fort Scott tenants via email on December 2, 2013. The DTSC is currently reviewing the report and is expected to provide comment and direction in early January 2014. The purpose of the meeting was twofold: 1) for the Trust Remediation department to explain the findings to date and 2) provide opportunity for tenants to ask questions/express concerns.

Key Discussion Topics/Comments/Questions

There were several questions regarding the location of sampling performed to date. Locations nearby, but not specifically sampled as part of the Lendrum Court work, include Pilot's Row, the playground, and the playground's adjacent hillside. In addition there were comments on the distribution of the trenches within the Lendrum Court area.

Trust's Response: Sampling is generally conducted in phases and is designed to characterize the nature and extent of debris and contaminated soils. Additional sampling will occur to further define the extent of the debris and ash and the sampling will include the broader North Fort Scott area. The Trust commits to sampling soil beneath the playground woodchips and along the adjacent hillside in the short term to ensure the play area does not contain contaminants that pose a risk to children. DTSC will oversee future sampling and investigation activities associated with final assessment and clean-up of the area.

There was a question on why the lead-based paint in soil program did not discover the debris and ash.

Trust's Response: Lead-based paint in soil generally is within 5 to 6-feet of the drip line of the building and in the upper 2-feet of soil. If the debris and ash was located beneath this depth it would not have been detected.

The potential for contaminants in water and in air (dust) was discussed. Concern about the Trust's use of leaf blowers was raised. In addition, the potential for contaminants besides lead to be present and pose a health risk was brought up. Contaminants discussed included chromium in its various oxidation states and dioxin and furans.

Trust's Response: The Presidio's water supply does not come from the ground beneath homes and the water has not been affected by the debris and ash fill. The Trust will work with our landscape crews to reduce the use of blowers. The Trust commits to further evaluate the ambient air quality and monitoring has been conducted as part of the lead-based paint in soil cleanup program. Lead is the primary constituent of concern but other metals and dioxin and furans will be further evaluated as part of future sampling and analyses.

There were questions regarding how potential exposure risk was estimated. In particular the report uses all available data to estimate exposure risk, but a child might spend more time in the area immediately adjacent to his/her unit as opposed to the larger neighborhood.

Residents expressed dissatisfaction with the timeline between initial complaints about glass and the testing. Several residents noted they have jars full of glass at home that they have collected from the neighborhood over time. The tenants expressed concern about what measures could be taken in the short term to further protect them from exposure to contaminated soil.

Trust's Response: The Trust is required to follow a regulatory process under CERCLA (Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act) which typically takes 2 to 3 years. The Trust is working with DTSC to accelerate the process so clean-up can proceed as quickly as possible. The Trust is targeting implementation of a solution in late summer 2014. DTSC responded that interim actions could be implemented to accelerate the clean-up process.

Tenants expressed concern about gophers and the continued presence of glass. Tenants asked if soil or other barriers could be placed to cover the glass and lead in shallow soil. Residents stated they were willing to bring in sod if permitted by the Trust to create small areas where children could play outside. One resident asked if he should have his children's blood-lead levels tested.

Trust's Response: The Trust will evaluate short-term alternatives to reduce exposure to contaminated soil and glass, including a physical barrier to prevent contact with soil, stepped-up trapping of gophers, reduction in use of blowers and equipment that generate dust, and stepped-up maintenance, including picking up glass pieces found at the ground surface. Tenants can also reduce their personal exposure by employing good hygiene, such as washing hands and avoiding tracking dirt into homes. Regarding blood testing, tenants should follow their doctor's advice.

Questions were raised about notifying future residents who may move into the neighborhood.

Trust's Response: Prospective tenants will be notified about the completed testing and presence of debris and ash and will be provided with the current draft report and other materials about the site as they are produced.

Follow-up Activities

1. The Trust will prepare summary meeting notes and distribute to the neighborhood via email.
2. The Trust will sample the play area and associated hillside. Laboratory results should be available in early January, and when available, the Trust will share those results with tenants.
3. The Trust is evaluating landscape-maintenance activities with our crews and will report back to tenants on changes to minimize the potential for dust and means to control gopher activity.