Public Notice

Proposed No Further Action for Residential Property in Sherwood

Comments due: 5 p.m., Monday, Dec. 31, 2018

Project Location: 23500 SW Murdock Road, Tax Lot 2S133CB00700, Sherwood, Oregon

Proposal: The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality is proposing to issue a No Further Action determination with conditions.

Highlights: The property is one of 10 tax lots collectively known as the Ken Foster Farm site. Soil at the site was contaminated with hexavalent chromium associated with tannery waste that had been placed on the property in the late 1960s and early 1970s by a previous owner. In 2014, DEQ finalized a settlement in the form of a consent judgment with former owners and operators of the tannery and several former and current land owners of property at the site. DEQ completed a cleanup at the property using funds from the settlement. Approximately 374 tons of soil was removed and disposed at a permitted landfill. A high visibility geotextile was placed in the excavation before restoring the site with clean imported fill. The lawn, landscaping and irrigation system disturbed during the cleanup were replaced.

The proposed determination is conditional, requiring maintenance of the clean soil cap and geotextile barrier to ensure the property remains protective for residential use. The requirement to maintain the soil cap, and to restore the cap if disturbed, will be included in the proposed No Further Action letter, which will be recorded with Washington County on the property deed.

How to comment: Send comments to DEQ Project Manager Mark Pugh at 700 NE Multnomah St., Suite No. 600, Portland, OR 97232 or pugh.mark@deq.state.or.us. For more information contact the project manager at 503-229-5587.

Find more information on the site: Visit DEQ’s Environmental Cleanup Site Information database at: https://go.usa.gov/xP7DB

If you don’t have internet access and would like to review the project documents, contact the project manager at 503-229-5587.

The next step: DEQ will consider all public comments received by the date and time stated above before making a final decision regarding the completion certification of the remedial actions taken at the site.

Alternative formats: Documents can be provided upon request in an alternate format for individuals with disabilities or in a language other than English for people with limited English skills. To request a document in another format or language, call DEQ in Portland at 503-229-5696, or toll-free in Oregon at 1-800-452-4011, ext. 5696; or email deqinfo@deq.state.or.us.