

Subject: EPA Halaco Testing Update
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*Testing -
2/3 completed
End of June
on July
90% complete
groundwater
testing*

Hello All,

EPA testing at the Halaco Superfund Site continues in May with the installation of at least ten more groundwater monitoring wells. Last week, EPA contractors installed three wells at the former smelter property and four at the Nature Conservancy (TNC) property. This week, we are installing one well at the Halaco waste area and two wells at city property west of Perkins Road. Previous testing has confirmed that Halaco's wastes have affected groundwater to a depth of about 100 feet. The ten new wells are needed to determine how far the affected groundwater has moved off-site. We are also negotiating access with International Paper to install additional wells north of McWane Blvd.

*Fish
samples
Cleanup
end of
June*

Next week, we expect to collect soil and sediment samples in several areas surrounding the Halaco property, including TNC property, the wetland area to the south of Halaco, and two beach locations where the Oxnard Industrial Drain has historically discharged to the ocean and may have deposited some of Halaco's waste.

In June, we plan to continue soil and sediment sample collection in areas with standing water where a barge will be used to collect the samples (portions of the TNC property, the Oxnard Industrial Drain (OID), and Ormond Beach lagoon). We are in the process of hiring a specialized environmental testing firm to assist in collecting samples in these areas. Halaco waste material is present on both the TNC property and in the sediments of the OID. The testing will provide information needed to develop cleanup plans for these areas.

By the end of June or early July, the planned soil, sediment, groundwater, and surface water sampling will be complete. After we have initial results from the June sampling, we will return in late summer or fall to collect fish and other biological samples to help us better evaluate risks to wildlife from Halaco's wastes. Later this year, after the testing is complete, we expect to begin work on a cleanup plan for at least a portion of the site.

Please contact Wayne Praskins, the EPA Project Manager, at [REDACTED] if you have any questions about EPA cleanup efforts at the site, or contact me if you have questions about EPA's community involvement efforts.

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