



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
FACT SHEET No. 3
Preservation Aviation, Inc.
10800 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood, CA
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Background

The United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Emergency Response Team has begun a cleanup at the Preservation Aviation site in North Hollywood, CA. Preservation Aviation used to sell and collect vintage airplane gauges that were used in old, WWII airplanes. In the past, these gauges were painted with radioactive paint containing radium-226 to make them glow in the dark, as were many watch dials. ***For more information or past fact sheets, please contact Alhelí Baños at the number below.***

Cleanup Activities and Status

On July 19, 2004, EPA began the second cleanup phase at the Preservation Aviation site. The work will take place 5-6 days a week between the hours of 7:00 am and 5:00 pm. You will see trucks coming in and out of the site carrying materials away for disposal. Workers will be wearing protective clothing to avoid exposure to contaminants. As a precaution, EPA will be monitoring the air constantly. Although unlikely, if at any point radium is detected outside of the site, the work will stop and measures will be used to control dust.

There will be approximately six cleanup phases. The first phase was assessment and stabilization and was completed the week of May 27th. The next phases are as follows:

- Phase 2- Removal of materials in the yard
- Phase 3- Removal of materials inside building
- Phase 4- Assessment of main building
- Phase 5- Decontamination of main building
- Phase 6- Assessment of dirt, asphalt, concrete on property and beneath buildings
- Phase 7- Soil removal, if necessary

EPA will be setting up a community information trailer in front of the site. In the trailer you will be able to pick up past and current fact sheets. A computer will be available for accessing website information. The website is http://www.epaosc.net/Preservation_Aviation.

For More Information