



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
FACT SHEET No. 4
Preservation Aviation, Inc.
10800 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood, CA
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Background

Since May 27, 2004, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has been conducting Superfund Removal activities at the Preservation Aviation, Inc. site located at 10800 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood, California. The site sold vintage airplane gages used in vintage WWII airplanes. In the past, the gages were painted with radioactive paint containing Radium 226 to make them glow in the dark, as were many watch dials. Removal activities have included the assessment and off-site disposal of radium contaminated and radium containing materials.

Cleanup Activities, Status and Updates

The USEPA understands that removal activities disrupt the community and is taking steps to minimize these disruptions. USEPA's activities at Preservation Aviation are expected to last until approximately March 2005. Removal activities will include the following:

- Removal of all radium containing/contaminated materials;
- Removal of all hazardous substances;
- Removal of all debris and trash;
- Decontamination of all on-site structures; and
- Assessment and removal of environmental contamination.

Removal of radium containing/contaminated materials

USEPA is segregating all of the materials on-site into various categories for disposal. This segregation process allows for the proper transportation of contaminated items in accordance with Department of Transportation regulations. By segregating the items based on the amount of contamination, USEPA is able control disposal cost and ensures valuable radioactive disposal facility space is properly utilized. During this segregation process, trucks delivering and removing waste storage containers, will be operating on Riverton Avenue. The hours of these deliveries and pickups will between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Please be aware that traffic control procedures may result in restriction of traffic on Riverton Avenue while trucks are present.

Assessment of Environmental Contamination

USEPA will assess the subsurface on-site and bordering soil after the completion of structural decontamination. Soil contamination in excess of USEPA Preliminary Remediation Goals will be removed and disposed of off-site. Soil assessment activities are expected to begin in approximately March 2005.

For More Information

Fact Sheets and other site cleanup information may also be downloaded from our website: http://www.epaosc.net/Preservation_Aviation or picked up at the On-Site Office listed below. If you have questions or concerns about the Preservation Aviation site, please do not hesitate to contact either of the USEPA staff listed below.

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