



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

FACT SHEET No. 6

Preservation Aviation, Inc.

10800 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood, CA

January 18, 2005

Since May 27, 2004, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has been assessing and removing radioactive materials from the Preservation Aviation, Inc. (PAI), located at 10800 Burbank Boulevard in North Hollywood, California.

Background

PAI sold gauges used in World War II airplanes. In the past, instrument panel gauges were painted with radioactive paint containing Radium 226 (Ra-226) to make them glow in the dark. Radiation from materials containing and contaminated by Ra-226 poses a threat to human health.

Cleanup Activities, Status, and Updates

- The USEPA's activities at PAI are expected to continue until approximately June 2005. On December 14, 2004, USEPA completed Phase II, the removal of all contaminated items from the open yard directly south of 10800 Burbank Blvd.
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- On January 3, 2005, USEPA began preparations to remove contaminated items from the inside of the building. Removal of items from the building is expected to begin on January 17, 2005. Work hours will be from 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday – Friday.

The USEPA understands that removal activities can be disruptive and is taking steps to minimize any disruption.

Removal of Radioactive Materials

The 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 the Department of Transportation regulations. In addition, this process helps USEPA control disposal cost and conserve valuable radioactive disposal space.

During this segregation process, trucks delivering and removing waste storage containers will be operating on Riverton Avenue between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Traffic control procedures may restrict traffic on Riverton Avenue while trucks are present.

Decontamination of Site Structures

The USEPA will decontaminate all on-site structures and the storage yard surfaces after the removal of contaminated items from the site. Structural decontamination activities are expected to begin in early April 2005.

Assessment of Environmental Contamination

The USEPA will assess on-site and off-site subsurface soils after decontaminating the structures. Soil assessment activities are expected to begin in approximately May 2005. The USEPA will remove and dispose of all soil found to be above the Preliminary Remediation Goals, which are cleanup guidelines.

Safety Precautions

The USEPA is monitoring air quality and controlling surface contamination migration to ensure the public health is protected. Monitoring has shown no off-site migration of contaminants to date. The USEPA cleanup personnel wear personal protective equipment to minimize their exposure, as they work closely with radioactive items. Visitors must enter the site at the on-site office, located at 5543 Riverton Ave.

For More Information

You can find fact sheets and other site cleanup information on our website at: [http://www.epaosc.net/Preservation Aviation](http://www.epaosc.net/Preservation_Aviation). You can also pick up fact sheets 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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