



K&L Plating Site Removal Action

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EPA Conducting A Removal Action In East Oakland

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is conducting a removal action at two K&L Plating sites in Oakland, California. The first site is located on Pearmain Street and the other on 89th Avenue. Last month, we provided the community with an informational fact sheet regarding EPA's removal action on Pearmain Street. The purpose of this fact sheet is to provide information to the community on the removal action on 89th Avenue.

The second removal site covered in this bulletin is located in a mixed light industrial, commercial and residential area at 989-89th Avenue. On October 3, 1997, EPA personnel observed a small leak from one of several vats of zinc plating solutions. To ensure that the volume spilled did not get larger, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency personnel took emergency measures and removed all of the materials from the affected vats and shipped them off-site for disposal. These measures eliminated the potential for further release and ensured that no contact occurred between the spilled solutions and other materials in the plating shop. Air monitoring conducted within the facility and directly outside showed no sign of air release. While emergency measures were taken, this incident did not require the precautionary evacuation that was called for at the site's sister facility on Pearmain Street.

K&L Plating located at 989-89th Avenue is a former plating facility which was closed by on September 19, 1997 after a history of compliance problems with local, state, and federal environmental laws. Now that the initial emergency phase is completed, and the U.S. EPA has removed and stabilized the hazardous materials involved in the original incident, EPA is proceeding with further evaluation and cleanup of the facility. EPA is performing this removal action to mitigate the health risk which may be caused if a person comes into direct

contact with the chemicals on site and to ensure that the potential for any hazardous releases from the facility is eliminated.

Federal regulations mandate that workers in close proximity to hazardous materials be properly protected. Therefore, workers on site will be seen wearing protective gear. You should not be alarmed by this. As a precaution, air monitoring will be performed to assure that no airborne contaminants are released to the nearby community. The only inconvenience that the removal action should cause residents is traffic delays on 89th Avenue when equipment and materials are moved in and out of the facility.

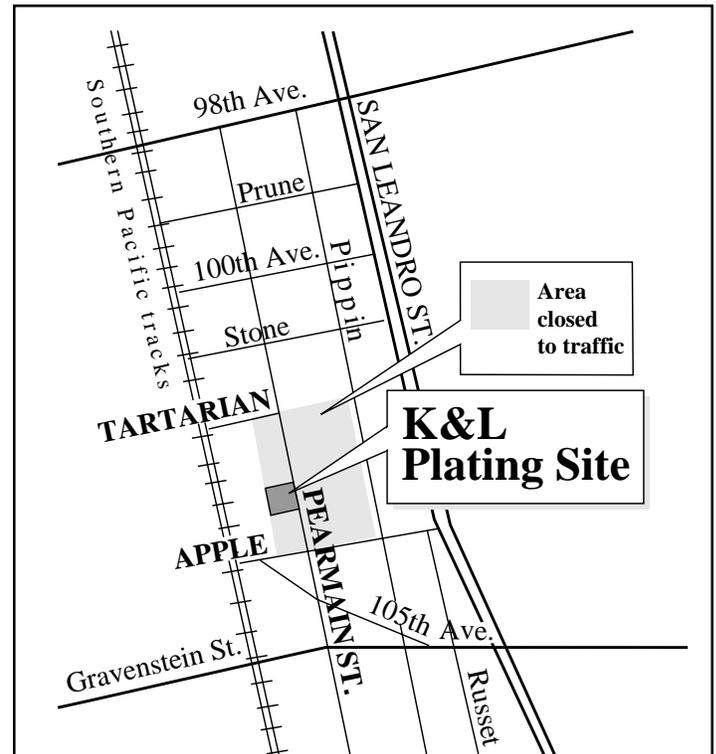


Figure 1: Location of K&L Plating site, 10323 Pearmain Street

For More Information

This removal action will address the immediate threat posed to the community by the site. This response is being conducted under EPA Region 9's Emergency Response Program which is funded by the CERCLA trust fund, commonly known as the Superfund. If you have any questions or would like more information on EPA involvement at this site, please contact:

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