



Elevated Levels of Radiation Found at Site - Public Must Not Enter the Site

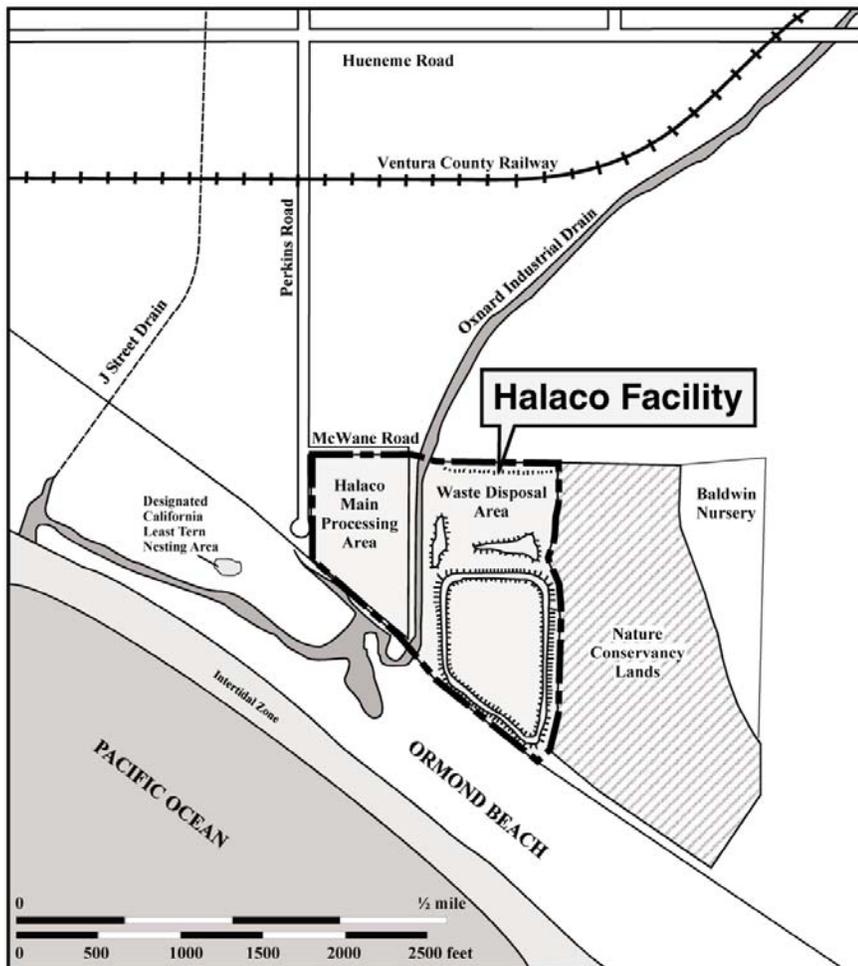
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has discovered elevated levels of radiation coming from materials buried in the southeast corner of the former Halaco smelter on Perkins Road. Preliminary measurements indicate radiation levels 2 to 100 times higher than natural background levels in an area approximately 300 x 300 feet. EPA has collected approximately 75 samples of the buried material which are being analyzed for radioactive materials and heavy metals to determine the levels and extent of contamination. We expect to have results in approximately 3 to 4 weeks. After receipt and evaluation of results, we will determine whether additional actions are needed to protect the public.

Main Message

There is no risk to the public so long as they remain off of the Halaco Property.

What Does This Mean?

THE PUBLIC MUST NOT ENTER THE HALACO SITE! Despite new fencing, warning signs, and announcements to stay off the Halaco site, there have been repeated break-ins to the property by graffiti artists and other vandals. Anyone walking or riding on the contaminated area may be exposed to heavy metals or elevated levels of radiation. Long-term exposure to some of the contaminants at the site can lead to cancer. Members of the public found trespassing on the Halaco property risk their health and being arrested for trespassing. The public is safe, however, if they stay off the property. Radiation levels on Ormond Beach in front of the Halaco smelter were found to be at natural background levels.



Location of Halaco Engineering Co.

Other Dangerous Areas

The Halaco site presents other hazards in addition to the elevated levels of radiation at the southeast corner of the former smelter. The two large processing buildings have been declared structurally unsafe by the City of Oxnard and should not be entered. The large waste pile east of the Oxnard Industrial Drain has elevated levels of heavy metals. *People should stay off the property!* Dirt bike riders in particular are mobilizing and exposing themselves to heavy metals and other contaminants. *Riders caught on the site will be arrested and have their bikes confiscated!*

What Happens Next

We are working with the site owners to prevent unauthorized entry and make the site more secure. We are also continuing our efforts to identify any other areas where Halaco's waste materials may be located, and to determine whether additional, immediate cleanup efforts are needed. We are planning longer-term studies needed to evaluate impacts from contaminated groundwater beneath the site, determine the appropriate remedy for the waste pile, and develop a comprehensive cleanup plan for the site.

EPA is also evaluating comments received on its March 2007 proposal to add the Halaco site to the Superfund "National Priorities List."

We will keep the public informed of these and other developments through additional facts sheets, updates to EPA's websites, and community meetings.

Health Assessment

The California Department of Public Health is working with EPA to look into the past, present, and future risk of exposure to contamination at the Halaco site. If you or someone you know has health concerns that may be related to the Halaco site, the Department seeks your input.

To include your concerns in the assessment or be added to the Halaco health assessment mailing list, please contact Rubi Orozco at (510) 620-3671 or Rubi.Orozco@cdph.ca.gov.

Site Repository

Site information and reports are available to the public at the following locations:

South Oxnard Branch Library

4300 Saviers Rd.
Oxnard, CA. 93033
(805) 385-8129
Hours: Mon. -Thur 10:30-8:00pm
Sat 9:00am-5:30pm



EPA Superfund Records Center

95 Hawthorne St., 4th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94105
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Hours: Mon-Fri : 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

How to Contact Us

If you have questions or concerns about the Halaco site, please contact any of the EPA staff listed below:

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Region 9 Halaco webpages**

Removal Work

www.epaossc.net/Halaco

Remediation Work

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/halaco>



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