

## THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) BEGINS FOURTH FIVE-YEAR REVIEW OF CLEANUP AT THE WESTINGHOUSE (SUNNYVALE PLANT) SUPERFUND SITE

The EPA has been conducting cleanup operations of the Westinghouse Sunnyvale Superfund Site (Site) since 1994. As cleanup continues, EPA is required by law to review the constructed remedies, measure progress, and determine the Site's current protectiveness of human health and the environment. In 2016, a Five Year Review report will be completed and placed on the EPA website and Site Repository listed below.



**Figure 1: Current Site Location**

### SITE LOCATION & HISTORY

The Westinghouse Site is approximately 75 acres and is currently operating as a Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation (Northrop) manufacturing facility. The Site occupies a 75-acre lot, located at 401 East Hendy Avenue in Sunnyvale, CA. During the mid-1950s, Westinghouse manufactured transformers that contained the chemical Inerteen – a Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) – and a chlorinated benzene mixture with mineral oil added as an insulating fluid. Large scale storage and use of these chemicals resulted in extensive contamination of both soils and groundwater beneath the Site. PCBs were also applied as an herbicide along fence lines and railroad tracks, which also resulted in soil contamination.

### CLEANUP ACTIONS

The EPA selected the following remedies to cleanup the groundwater and soil: extracting and treating groundwater; conducting removal of soil contaminants; and implementing land-use restrictions at the site. Northrop, under EPA supervision, began construction of the remedies in late 1994. Deep soil contamination in the main plant areas and the underground storage tank area were removed in late 1994. Complete treatment of the contaminated groundwater began in early 1995 and will continue until set cleanup goals are met. Finally, the removal of nearly all shallow soil contamination (6,038 tons) will be completed by the end of 2016.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please visit EPA's website for the Westinghouse Sunnyvale Site: [www.epa.gov/superfund/westinghouse](http://www.epa.gov/superfund/westinghouse), visit the information repositories to review the administrative record, or contact:

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