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DEQ to hold informational meeting on proposed cleanup for the Ken Foster Farm site in Sherwood

The Oregon Department of Environmental Cleanup Program will hold a meeting at the Sherwood Community Room 6:30 p.m. Aug. 27, 2015 to present its proposed cleanup plan for the Ken Foster Farm Site in Sherwood, Oregon.

The Ken Foster Farm, referred to as the KFF site, site is a 40-acre tract of former pasture land at 23000 to 23500 SW Murdock Road in Sherwood, Washington County, Oregon. Between 1962 and 1971, tannery wastes from the former Frontier Leather Tannery were land applied at KFF as a soil amendment. Elevated levels of hexavalent chromium have been measured in tannery waste and associated soil.

DEQ proposes to remediate portions of the residential properties that are most frequently used by current residents. These areas were defined as the yard and landscaped areas immediately surrounding the residences. The cleanup would meet the acceptable risk level for residential use in these areas. Informational materials and institutional controls would be used to achieve acceptable risk levels in lower use areas where residential exposure is less frequent.

Two undeveloped properties are proposed for remediation due to relatively high levels of hexavalent chromium. The proposed cleanup would remove a substantial amount of contamination from these properties. However, additional cleanup may be needed prior to development. DEQ would fund the proposed remediation. Property owners would be responsible for funding the potential future remediation, as needed, if undeveloped lots or undeveloped areas of existing tax lots are developed for residential use.

DEQ will be accepting comments on its proposal through September. Detailed information supporting DEQ's proposed no further action determination is contained in a DEQ Staff Report. This document and other site documents may be viewed on DEQ's web site at: www.deq.state.or.us/lq/ECSI/ecsi.htm. Select "Search Complete ECSI Database," then enter ECSI #2516 in the Site ID box and click "Submit" at the bottom of the page. Next, click the link labeled ECSI #2516 in the Site ID/Info column.

Send comments on the draft consent judgment by 5 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2015 to DEQ Project Manager, Mark Pugh, DEQ Northwest Region, 700 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 600, Portland, OR 97232 or pugh.mark@deq.state.or.us. For more information contact Pugh at 503-229-5587.