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WORK PLAN RELEASED

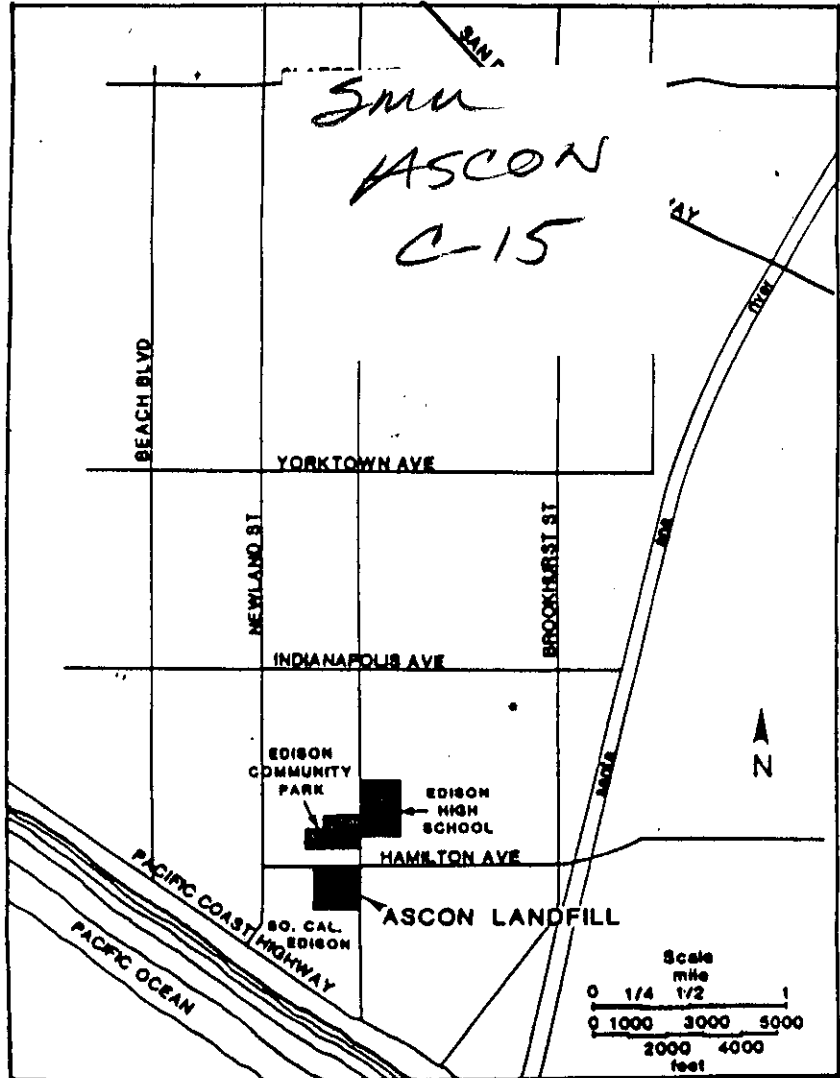
HUNTINGTON BEACH MAY 1988

Studies aimed at cleanup of the Ascon site in Huntington Beach have begun. The current property owners, Ascon Properties, Inc., have contracted Radian Corporation to conduct both the remedial investigation (RI) required to chemically and physically characterize the hazardous waste site, and the feasibility study (FS) needed to identify cleanup methods to treat and dispose of the wastes.

The first step in the RI/FS process is the preparation of a detailed work plan for the studies. A draft work plan for the Ascon site studies has recently been provided to the regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over the site. These agencies include the California Department of Health Services (DHS), the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board), the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), and the City of Huntington Beach. The agencies will have one month to review the draft work plan and provide comments to Radian Corporation.

The public is also invited to comment on the work plan, which is available at the information repositories listed on page 4. Written comments should be sent to the Ascon community relations coordinator, Pamela Beekley, or the City of Huntington Beach site contact, Catherine O'Hara. Addresses are given on page 4. All comments should be submitted by June 30, 1988 to be considered during revision of the work plan.

A meeting on the work plan will be



held by the Ascon Ad Hoc Citizens' Committee at the Huntington Beach Civic Center, Room B7, on Thursday, June 16, 1988, at 7:00 p.m. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

The RI/FS work plan will describe the tasks Radian will perform to gather the information needed to choose a remedy for the environmental problems at the site. The main elements of the reme-

dial investigation are:

- Research of past waste disposal practices at the site
- Compilation of information from past site studies
- Air quality monitoring
- Soil and waste sampling and analysis
- Sampling and analysis of existing groundwater wells

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- Drilling and monitoring of new groundwater wells

The results of these tasks will help Radian evaluate the sources, current extent, and future movement of site contamination.

The feasibility study will use the information gathered during the site investigation to evaluate several different cleanup alternatives. Federal law requires that each alternative be evaluated for level of public health and environmental protection, technical feasibility, reliability, and cost-effectiveness.

Study and planning for cleanup of the site is being funded by Ascon Properties, Inc., as a private party. There are currently no plans for expenditure of either federal or state funds. Ascon Properties intends to recoup expenses through development of the property once it is clean, and through legal recovery of funds from the companies responsible for disposing of the wastes at the site.

SITE HISTORY

The Ascon site was historically used for recycling and disposal of oil production and industrial chemical wastes. The landfill operation began in 1938 and stopped in 1982. In January 1984, the Ascon site was declared a California Superfund Site by the California Department of Health Services.

Most of the wastes disposed on the site were composed of industrial waste products, such as oil field wastes (crude oil, drilling muds, and brine solutions) from oil production wells. Essentially the entire site, except for the external berms and an area outside the berm on the west side, was used at one time for waste disposal or treatment. Recycling, separation, and evaporation processes were conducted in several large lagoons.

A variety of solid and liquid industrial wastes were also disposed at the site, in eight pits located at the northwest and southeast corners of the site. The wastes included chromic and sulfuric acids, aluminum slag, magnesium and potassium chloride, fuel oils and oily wastes, mercaptans, styrene, styrene tar, phenolic wastes and synthetic rubber.

Currently, the site consists of five lagoons covering approximately 30 percent of the site. The rest of the former lagoon area and seven of the eight pits have been filled in, and construction debris is piled on the site. The remaining open pit has been fenced and covered with odor suppression materials.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

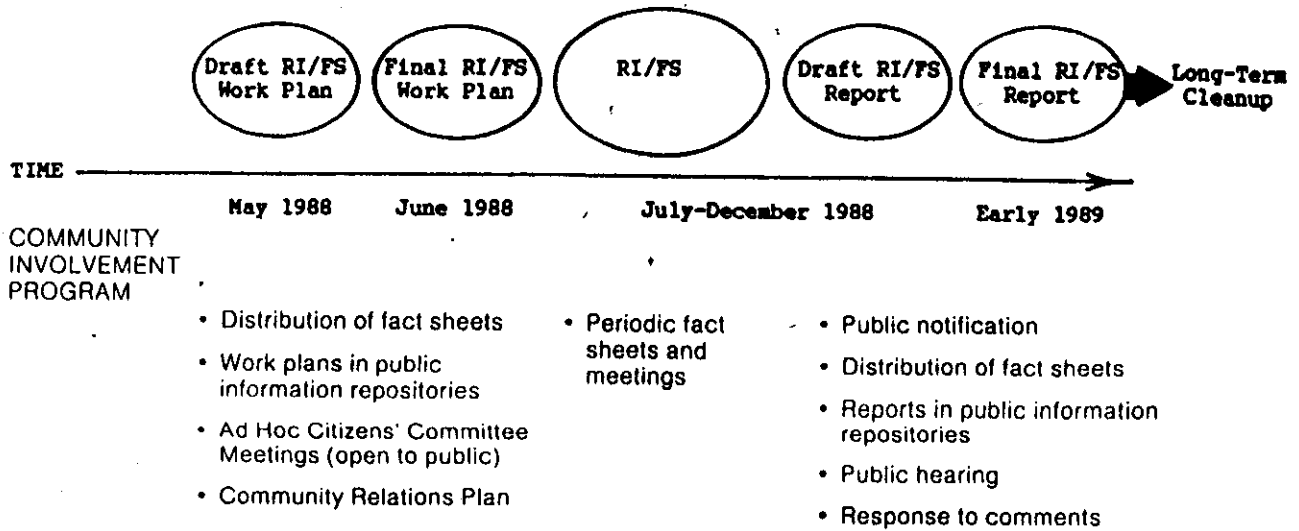
A Community Relations Plan (CRP) is being prepared to summarize site history and past community concerns, and discuss current and potential areas of concern. The CRP will outline the steps that will be taken to inform the community about site activities and to keep apprised of community concerns about the site.

Community relations objectives for the site include the following:

- To provide information on progress and site activities at locations that are easily accessible in the Huntington Beach area
- To encourage communication between the community, the involved regulatory agencies, and the technical consultants
- To help the community stay involved in the decision-making process, and
- To inform the community about planned and ongoing activities at the site.

Community relations activities aimed at achieving these objectives will include development of local information repositories, distribution of fact sheets, compilation of a mailing list of interested community members, and community meetings. Public comments and input to the community relations program are encouraged.

REMEDIATION INVESTIGATION AND FEASIBILITY STUDY (RI/FS) TIMELINE



SCHEDULE AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The remedial investigation and feasibility study is scheduled to last approximately nine months. Radian Corporation plans to begin field investigative work in July 1988. Field activities are expected to last 4 to 6 weeks, followed by laboratory analysis, data interpretation, and report preparation. Waste treatability studies and health risk assessment will be conducted concurrent with field and laboratory activities. Upon completion of the studies, Radian will recommend a cleanup strategy.

Public comments and questions are welcomed throughout the remedial investigation and feasibility study process. The timeline above shows key steps in the RI/FS process, and indicates some of the associated community involvement activities. A 30-day public comment period and a public hearing will be held once the studies are complete and the draft RI/FS report is released by Radian Corporation.

MAILING LIST

If you did not receive this fact sheet in the mail and would like to be included on the mailing list, please fill out this coupon and return it to Pamela Beekley.

Name: _____

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Return to: Pamela Beekley, CH2M HILL, 3840 Rosin Court, Suite 110, Sacramento, California 95834

INFORMATION REPOSITORIES

Information repositories containing fact sheets, work plans, technical documents, and other reference materials have been established at two locations in Huntington Beach. Community members are encouraged to review the materials and participate in the decision-making process. Repositories are located at:

Huntington Beach Civic Center
Zoning Desk
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648
(714) 536-5271

Contact: Ms. Susan Pierce
Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday

Huntington Beach Public Library
Banning Avenue Annex
9281 Banning Avenue
Huntington Beach, CA 92646
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Contact: Ms. Clare Moore
Hours: 12:00 (noon) to 9:00 p.m.
Monday - Thursday
Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

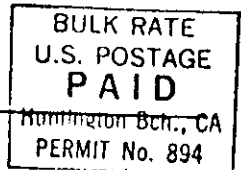
FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you need more information, or have questions, please call or write the following site contacts:

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