

Information Pertaining to The Denver Post Article

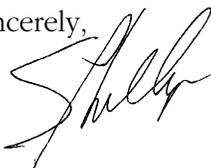
Dear Residents:

You may have been concerned by the article that appeared in the January 6, 2002, *Denver Post*. As a toxicologist specializing in chemical exposure with extensive knowledge of the Redfield site, I am writing to assure you that you do not need to be alarmed. There are some important points pertaining to the Redfield site that people who currently live or previously lived in the area need to know.

- 1) I do not anticipate health effects at the levels we have seen in homes near the Redfield site.
- 2) The homes in Cook Park and Virginia Village are safe from solvents in the groundwater. If a home was thought to be affected by the groundwater plume, it has been tested. If it exceeded a level established by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), it was or is being ventilated. Ventilation stops vapors from entering homes.
- 3) The main chemical we are looking at related to the Redfield site is 1,1-DCE. There are no known cases of cancer in people associated with 1,1-DCE. Other chemicals being tested for related to Redfield have been found in quantities that do not pose a concern.
- 4) All homes affected by the Redfield site have been tested or have been offered testing. In order for vapors to enter a home, the house must be located above or near the groundwater plume. Houses located outside the groundwater plume are not in the affected area.
- 5) The action level set by CDPHE that requires ventilation of a home is based on a model that has someone living in their home for 30 years, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Based on the model, the hypothetical risk of getting cancer at the current action level used at the site is 1 additional case in 100,000 people.
- 6) If you live in the Virginia Village and Cook Park neighborhoods and have not been contacted for testing, your home is outside the impacted area. Testing continues in a small number of condominiums on the north part of the plume. Boundaries of the plume have been identified on the east, west and south.

I am available to residents to talk about their individual health questions or concerns. You can schedule a time to talk to me and obtain more information about the Redfield site by calling the community relations representative, Lisa Sigler, at 303-778-8355.

Sincerely,



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