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**SIERRA PACIFIC INDUSTRIES PLANS  
SAWMILL CLEANUP**

Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI), in conjunction with the North Coast Regional Water Quality Board (NCRWQCB), is currently conducting several environmental studies in and around its Arcata Division sawmill located at 2593 New Navy Base Road, Arcata, California.

Starting in the early to mid-1960s, some of the lumber products produced at the sawmill were treated with an anti-stain/anti-fungus solution containing limited quantities of pentachlorophenol (PCP) and tetrachlorophenol (TCP). Though an accepted industry practice at the time, the anti-stain/anti-fungus solution was later found to be hazardous. SPI's use of the solution containing PCP and TCP was discontinued in September 1987.

An independent environmental contractor has been conducting numerous soil and groundwater investigations for SPI. Preliminary analytical test results indicate that some contamination has occurred in the soil and the groundwater beneath the sawmill. Corrective plans will be developed based on the findings of the assessments and submitted to the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board for approval.

Those seeking more information or who would like to participate in a community informational meeting, please contact Mark Lathrop (530) 378-8000 at SPI.

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