

Upcoming Groundwater Investigation Activities April/May 2005

Geological Survey and Monitoring Well Installations

Residents of Monterey Bay Estates along Quebrada Del Mar Road and Tallmon Street will see construction workers and equipment in the cattle range behind their homes this Spring. Why? New wells will be installed to monitor groundwater quality in the shallow aquifer and determine the limits of the trichloroethene (TCE) in groundwater from Operable Unit 1 (OU-1) at former Fort Ord.

What You Might See

A Hollow Stem Auger drill rig (pictured below) will be used to construct these wells. You may also see large metal bins parked in the area to hold the soil that results from drilling. Also, you may notice crews laying long lengths of cable along the ground and attaching them to electronic monitors - this is part of the geological survey. After obtaining the necessary measurements (a matter of hours), these cables will be removed from the site.

Your Water is Safe

The groundwater being investigated in OU-1 is NOT used for drinking water. Water quality is our highest priority. Drinking water samples are regularly tested by the Marina Coast Water District (MCWD) and the results compared to strict federal and state standards. All pumped water is passed through the MCWD treatment system before it is delivered to your house.

There will be more investigation and/or cleanup activity in this area after the test results at the new wells are evaluated.

To Learn More About the Cleanup

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