

Thoughts on the Halaco site
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Site containment

- Has the site been fenced yet?
 - Are there adequate warning signs?
 - Are the signs understandable by the non-literate and low-literate, and reflective of the languages of the local areas
 - Is there an alternate path to the beach for neighborhood residents?
- If not, when?

Notification of area residents

- Who's in charge? EPA, CA Dept. of Public Health?
- Are the agencies in charge collaborating effectively with local agencies, organizations, schools, neighborhood groups, etc. (I am unaware of any effort on the part of the EPA and the state to convene neighborhood meetings, agency/org meetings, etc.)
- Do notification efforts for area residents and other stakeholders reflect/accommodate the linguistic, cultural and economic diversity of the residents?

Dealing with physical effects of exposure to site

- Do residents know how to recognize the symptoms of exposure?
- If experiencing problems, what health care agency is responsible?

Timeline

- Demand containment now
- Demand more communication with neighborhood residents now
- Engage the community in all steps of the cleanup

Funding

- Can the EPA or state provide funding to local entities to provide education of local residents, case management of those effected, etc.?

There are many more but these seem the most urgent to me. Jose Garcia of the EPA will be speaking at the Mixteco Project meeting for a second time this Saturday, Feb. 23rd.

Thanks

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- 1. Evidence of damages*
- 2. Property damage*
- 3. Education notice*