

TCE in the Community

How Does This Affect My Mobile Home?

- TCE vapors can be released from the soil underneath Greenfield Mobile Estates, Starlight Mobile Home Park, Villa Cajon Mobile Home Estates, and Magnolia Elementary School.
- Some residents may still be exposed to TCE at harmful levels, especially through vapors trapped in indoor air.

Is Magnolia Elementary School Safe?

- Since 1994, soil vapor and indoor air testing has been conducted at the school. Based on ongoing periodic sampling results, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has concluded that the school is safe to occupy for both staff and students.

Is TCE in my Drinking Water?

- The water used for drinking, bathing, and irrigation is not the TCE-contaminated groundwater.

What Testing & Clean-Up Has Been Done?

- The San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board and DTSC have been responsible for investigating and cleaning-up the contamination.
- As of Dec. 2019, 181 homes have been tested. 10 homes were advised to increase ventilation of their crawl space.

Who We Are

Mobile Home Park (M.H.P.) Concerned Residents is a group of residents from Greenfield, Starlight, and Villa Cajon mobile home parks, who have come together to advocate for community protections against harmful environmental exposures.

The Center for Environmental Health (CEH) is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1996. CEH works to protect families and communities from toxic chemicals in our air, food, water, and consumer products.

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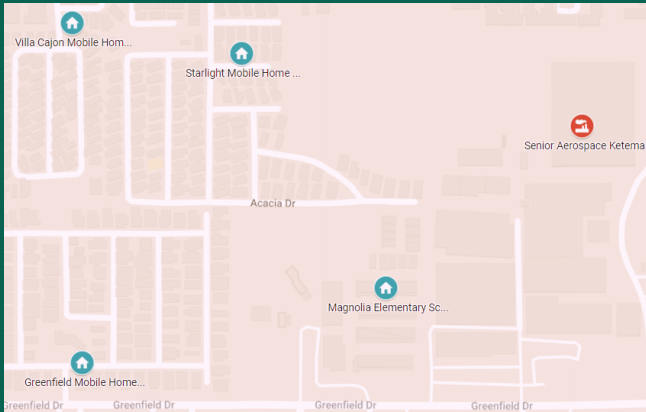
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PROTECT YOUR AND YOUR FAMILY'S HEALTH

Trichloroethylene
(TCE) Pollution
in El Cajon, CA



TCE Pollution Background



From Business Operations to Community Exposure

- From 1963 to 1985, the former aerospace manufacturing company AMETEK (now Senior Aerospace Ketema) stored cleaning agents, such as **trichloroethylene (TCE)**, in a pit underground that resulted in the contamination of soil and groundwater.
- Liquid TCE can travel through soil and groundwater, coming up as toxic vapors.

How can TCE affect my health?

- Short-term exposure to TCE in the first trimester of pregnancy may increase the risk of heart defects in the baby.
- Long-term exposure to TCE can impact the immune system, kidney, male reproductive system, and liver.
- The health impacts of TCE exposure may depend on the amount of TCE in air, how long people breathe it, and other factors.

What Has Been Done Legally

In 2017, CEH sued Senior Aerospace Ketema using **California's Proposition 65**. The lawsuit settled on June 16, 2020, requiring the company to: 1) warn residents about TCE pollution and 2) provide a \$20,000 settlement payment that CEH put into a fund for community education efforts around TCE contamination and other chemical exposure issues. For more information, visit: www.elcajonresidents.wixsite.com/resources.

Four other lawsuits were filed against Senior Aerospace Ketema. Two of these lawsuits have been settled as **class action settlements** and include:

- Individuals who have **lived** in Greenfield Mobile Estates, Starlight Mobile Home Park or Villa Cajon Mobile Home Estates any time between Jan. 1, 1963 and April 14, 2020 (*in the Cox v. Ametek lawsuit*);
- Individuals who **owned** a mobile home in one of the three mobile home parks above as of April 20, 2020 (*in the Cox v. Ametek lawsuit*); and/or
- Individuals who were **students** or **worked as staff** at Magnolia Elementary School for one or more school years between Jan. 1, 1963 through April 14, 2020 (*in the Trujillo v. Ametek lawsuit*).

For more information, visit: www.elcajoncasesettlement.com/.

What You Can Do

Get Your Home Tested

Residents of the three affected mobile home parks may get free air testing of their homes. **To set-up testing, contact Manuel Lopez from DTSC at (818) 717-6572 or Manuel.Lopez@dtsc.ca.gov.**

Eligible individuals may have their home tested for TCE under the remediation/mitigation benefit in the Cox v. Ametek Class Action Settlement. **For additional details and to file a Claim Form by the Dec. 15, 2021 deadline, go to:** www.elcajoncasesettlement.com/Cox.

Get a Health Screening

Eligible individuals may have a medical consultation to screen for health issues potentially associated with exposure to TCE under the Cox v. Ametek and the Trujillo v. Ametek Class Action Settlements. **For additional details and to file a Claim Form by the Dec. 15, 2022 deadline, go to:** www.elcajoncasesettlement.com/.

Get Involved

Join M.H.P. Concerned Residents in raising awareness in our community! Contact one of the resident leaders on the back of this brochure for ways you can get involved.