

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT (Nancy Katyl)  
MEETING DATE: March 17, 2004

- ITEM: 5.H.
- SUBJECT: **Purex Industries, Inc; Baron-Blakeslee, Inc. a Delaware Corporation; Honeywell International, Inc.; and W. Howard and Catherine Jones, for the property located at 511 O'Neill Avenue, Belmont, San Mateo County –**  
Adoption of Final Site Cleanup Requirements
- CHRONOLOGY: March 20, 1996 - Administrative Civil Liability imposed  
March 18, 1998 - Site Cleanup Requirements adopted  
April 21, 1999 - Site Cleanup Requirements amended
- DISCUSSION: A solvent recycling and distribution facility operated at the subject site from 1961 to 1974. Purex initially resisted our efforts to require site investigation, culminating in a 1996 enforcement action. A preliminary site investigation later that year revealed elevated concentrations of trichloroethene (TCE) and its associated breakdown products in soil and groundwater.
- The Board adopted Site Cleanup Requirements in 1998, requiring the dischargers to (i) complete source identification, (ii) complete both on- and offsite remedial investigations, and (iii) submit remedial action plans for both the Source and Offsite Areas. Remediation of the Source Area began in early 2003 and is expected to be completed this summer. We approved a Remedial Action Plan for the Offsite Area in fall 2003.
- This Tentative Order (Appendix A) establishes final cleanup standards for soil and groundwater and requires the dischargers to implement the Remedial Action Plan for the Offsite Area. Of interest are the offsite groundwater cleanup standards, which are based on protection of aquatic life due to the proximity of Belmont Creek. The Tentative Order also requires the dischargers to propose institutional constraints for both the Source and Offsite Areas.
- Comments have been received, and some changes have been incorporated in the Tentative Order. The title of the Order now includes Honeywell International, Inc., in place of AlliedSignal, Inc. Honeywell International, Inc. is named as a discharger because it is a successor to AlliedSignal, Inc. This item remains uncontested.

RECOMMEN-  
DATION: Adoption of the Tentative Order

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Appendices: A - Tentative Order