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SUSPECTED RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL DISCOVERED IN SAN CARLOS HOME

San Carlos, CA – Authorities are entering an unoccupied home on Cedar Street in San Carlos to collect and remove suspected hazardous material. San Mateo County Environmental Health today notified the Redwood City Fire Department that material suspected to contain low to moderate levels of radioactivity had been identified in a home on the 1000 block of Cedar Street in San Carlos. These materials need to be properly managed and disposed of so that they do not present a threat to the community.

A command post is being set up at Burton Park to oversee access, removal and disposal of any radioactive material. These efforts will be overseen by officials from San Mateo County Environmental Health, Redwood City Fire, the Sheriff’s Office of Emergency Services and the San Mateo Consolidated Fire Haz Mat Team. State and federal resources are standing by if needed.

The 1000 block of Cedar Street will be closed indefinitely from Brittan to Arroyo, as will Burton Park and the San Carlos Youth Center as a precautionary measure. In addition, officials will visit homes in the immediate area to notify residents as needed. As the site is accessed, the situation may change rapidly. Any impact on schools and residents, including evacuations, will be immediately reported to the public.

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