REPORT ON RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL REMOVED FROM SAN CARLOS HOME

San Carlos, CA – Radioactive materials were removed on Friday, May 3 from a home at 1054 Cedar Street in San Carlos and taken to a secure site outside the county. At the time the materials were removed, their identification was pending completion. Initial survey data indicates that the radioactive materials consisted mostly of Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM) such as uranium ore samples, a radium clock and other materials with thorium.

Mr. Ephrime Mekuria, Associate Health Physicist, California Department of Public Health stated that a final list of radioactive materials will be developed for a report. The City of San Carlos will make this report available on its website once it is received. For further information about this material, you can contact Mr. Mekuria at (510) 620-3422 or (510) 306-8383.

Once the material was removed on Friday, the San Mateo County Health Department performed two additional sweeps of the residence and did not find other radioactive sources. The residence and property was then turned back over to the property management company. A private firm will be out this week to clean up any household hazardous waste and materials, but there are no threats to the public at the property.

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