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Health Consultation completed for the CTS of Asheville, Inc. Site

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Raleigh, N.C. - The N.C. Department of Health and Human Services' Division of Public Health has completed a health consultation for the CTS of Asheville, Inc. site (Former CTS of Asheville Mills Gap Road Site and CTS Plant Site) in Buncombe County. The report is now available to the public at Pack Memorial Library, 67 Haywood Street in Asheville, NC and on-line at: http://epi.publichealth.nc.gov/oe/hace/by_site.html or www.buncombecounty.org.

The CTS plant manufactured electronic components on the site from 1952 to 1986. The original 54-acre CTS property was sold and redeveloped, leaving a fenced 9-acre site.

Since November 2007, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has collected private well water samples in the area to determine if they have been contaminated by chemicals in the ground water moving away from the former CTS site. Trichloroethylene is the main contaminant of concern at this site. There were no trichloroethylene detections in private drinking water wells during 2010 to 2011 sampling period.

This is the third health evaluation conducted by the DHHS Division of Public Health (DPH) to determine if the concentration of chemicals in the environment could cause adverse health effects. For this report, DPH analyzed more than 800 well water samples collected by EPA in 2010 and 2011. DPH also evaluated stream sediment and surface water samples collected during that period.

DPH staff has contacted residents that had any substances in their water that could cause adverse health effects. Anyone with elevated levels of contaminants has been advised to talk with their physicians.

For information about well water testing, contact your local health department.

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