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MEDIA ADVISORY

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICIALS TO HOLD AVAILABILITY SESSION ABOUT UPCOMING CTS SITE ASSESSMENT ON THURSDAY AT SOUTH BUNCOMBE-SKYLAND BRANCH LIBRARY

RALEIGH – The N.C. Division of Waste Management will hold an availability session regarding the groundwater assessment phase of the CTS-Skyland (Asheville) site on Thursday, July 17, from 5– 8 p.m. at the South Buncombe-Skyland Branch Library, located at 260 Overlook Road in Asheville.

Sampling has indicated that the subsurface beneath the former CTS electroplating facility – located on about nine acres off Mills Gap Road just east of Skyland in Buncombe County – is contaminated primarily with the chemical compound trichloroethylene (a.k.a. trichloroethene or TCE). The compound was found in nearby springs and one residential drinking well in 1999. The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency arranged the connection of affected households to city water in 1999. Last December, EPA and DWM began more extensive sampling, including expanded residential well sampling at homes in close proximity to the site.

DWM staff members will be available to citizens on a drop-in basis on Thursday from 5 – 8 p.m. to answer questions one-on-one about the first assessment phase of this project, and distribute informational material to interested parties. The assessment phase – which determines the extent of groundwater and soil contamination – occurs before the development of a remediation strategy for cleanup of contaminated areas.

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