

# Science vs. Bush's beliefs, researchers say

Global warming, stem cell research, endangered species suffering because of policies... critics say... protection of endangered species.

"We're seeing something quite unprecedented," physicist Kurt Gottfried, chairman of the Union of Concerned Scientists, said Tuesday in a forum at the University of California, Berkeley. "We didn't see anything like this in the Bush administration or the Reagan administration, not with this prevalence or this intensity and not with this multitude."

worries that science has insinuated itself too deeply into partisan politics without asking tough questions of itself.

"There's no question that ignoring scientific advice or trying to pack scientific panels is more prevalent in this administration than any I have seen," said Caltech's Baltimore.

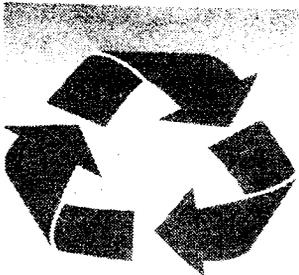
Bruce Buckheit resigned last year as air enforcement chief for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, after a career reaching back to the Nixon administration, when Bush ap-

pointees halted cases to enforce the Clean Air Act against coal-fired power plants and refineries.

"The change under the Bush

Berkeley students.

The White House has brought political influence to bear on all major EPA actions and "many, many minor decisions," Buck-



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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON ACTION MEMORANDUM FOR TIME-CRITICAL REMOVAL ACTION TO REMOVE PETROLEUM PRODUCT AT IR SITE 9 ALAMEDA POINT, ALAMEDA, CALIFORNIA**

The U.S. Department of Navy has placed an Action Memorandum in the Administrative Record for a time-critical removal action (TCRA) to remove petroleum product at Building 410 at Alameda Point, Alameda, California. The product is located within the boundary of installation Restoration Site 9, bounded by West Ticonderoga Avenue on the south, Oriskany Avenue on the north, and Viking Street on the west.

Building 410 was used as an aircraft paint stripping facility between 1958 and 1990. Some defueling of aircraft also occurred at this location. Before construction of the building, the area was used for aircraft storage. Historical facility operations resulted in releases of chemicals into soil and groundwater in and around Building 410. Investigations conducted since 1991 revealed the presence of volatile organic compounds (VOC) and fuel hydrocarbons in soil and groundwater. In November 2003, during preparation for treatment of the groundwater at Site 9 using a technology called in-situ chemical oxidation (ISCO), the product was discovered beneath the east side of Building 410. This product is lighter than water and therefore "floats" on top of the groundwater surface beneath the ground surface.

Because of the presence of the floating product, the ISCO treatment operation has been delayed and cannot proceed until the product is removed. As such, the Navy has determined, with regulatory concurrence, that a need exists for an immediate removal of the floating product. In addition to allowing the continuation of the ISCO treatment of the groundwater to facilitate timely completion of groundwater remediation at the site, the implementation of this TCRA will reduce the potential threat to human health and the environment due to the presence of the product. The Navy is undertaking this action pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board provide oversight of the Navy's cleanup program and concur with the Navy's decision to conduct this action.

The removal action is planned to start in November 2004. The action will include installation of product recovery wells and aboveground piping and operation and maintenance of a product recovery and treatment system. The removal action is expected to be completed within one year after the commencement of field activities. Further details of the removal action are presented in the Action Memorandum.

The Navy invites the public to review the Action Memorandum and comment in writing by November 8, 2004. A copy of the Action Memorandum is located in the Alameda Point Information Repository at the main branch of Alameda Public Library and at Alameda Point.

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