Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

Community Update #2

Rohr, Inc. - 8200 Arlington Ave., Riverside, CA (Site)

April 2026

On-Site and Off-Site Environmental Investigations and Cleanup Update

Site History

The Site operated in the 1940s as part of Camp Anza, an Army base. Rohr, Inc. (Rohr) acquired approximately 80 acres of the larger Camp Anza property in the early 1950s to produce military and commercial aircraft components. Today, the Site is used to manufacture aerospace equipment for commercial and military customers, including the U.S. Government.

Manufacturing at the Site over several decades involved the use of chemicals including polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), hexavalent chromium (Cr6), and volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Previous environmental investigations found these chemicals in buildings on-Site, and in soil, soil vapor, and groundwater both on- and off-Site. The Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Santa Ana Water Board) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) provide regulatory oversight for the investigation and cleanup activities at the Site to address environmental impacts of past operations.

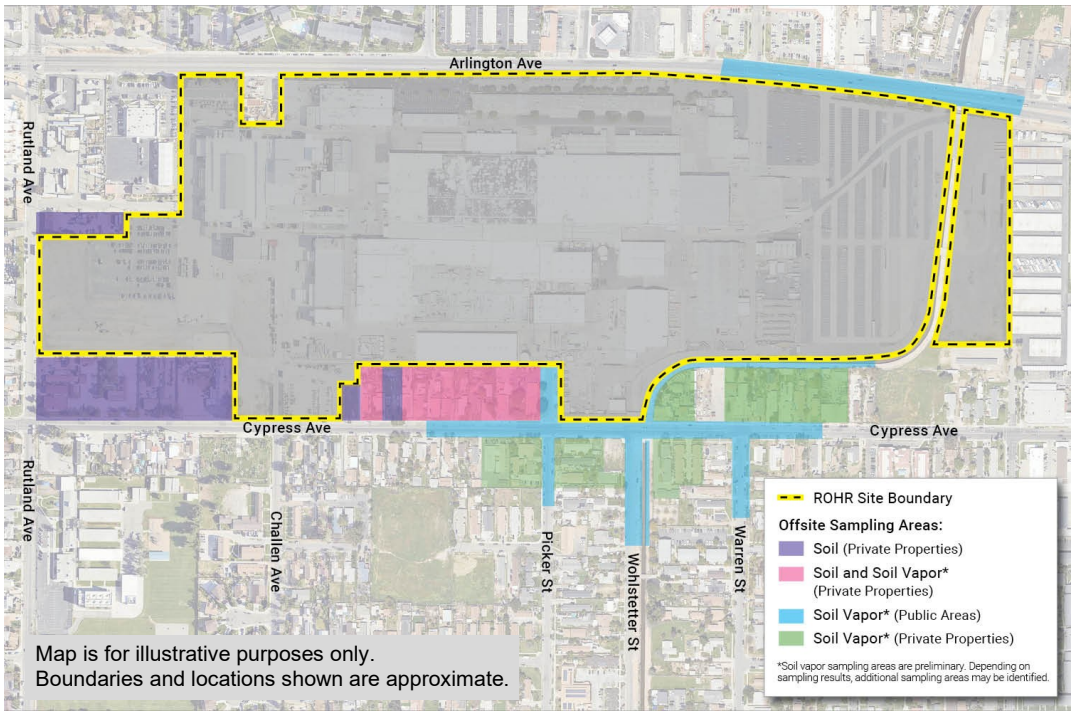

Figure 1- Rohr Site

Why am I receiving this fact sheet?

The Santa Ana Water Board prepared this fact sheet to update the community about the on- and off-Site environmental activities related to the Rohr Site.

The Santa Ana Water Board is the lead state agency overseeing the investigation and cleanup activities of Cr6 and VOCs under the California Water Code. The U.S. EPA is overseeing the investigation and cleanup of PCBs associated with the Site under the federal Toxic Substances Control Act. You are receiving this fact sheet because you live, work, have a child that attends school, or own/lease property near the Site where work will take place.

What environmental work has been completed?

Under oversight and approved workplans from the Santa Ana Water Board and the U.S. EPA, Rohr has performed environmental investigations to evaluate soil, soil vapor (vapors found below the ground), indoor air, and groundwater impacts associated with past Rohr operations both on-and off-Site.

To date, Rohr has conducted soil sampling at the Site and adjacent off-Site properties south and west of the Site to determine the level and the extent of contamination of PCBs and Cr6. Soil assessment work for properties west of the Site has been completed, which was confirmed by the U.S. EPA in December 2024 and the Santa Ana Water Board in January 2025. Soil assessment work for properties south of the Site is nearing completion with limited soil sampling remaining on two properties.

In June 2024, the Santa Ana Water Board approved work plans for investigating whether soil vapor from VOCs in groundwater and soil enter buildings through a process called vapor intrusion. Rohr has collected indoor air, air samples within crawl spaces under buildings, soil vapor under building foundations and outside buildings at the Site and adjacent off-Site properties (see Figure 1). Investigation and data evaluation are still ongoing.

Monitoring and cleanup of groundwater impacted by VOCs and Cr6 are ongoing on- and off-Site.

What are the next steps?

- **Soil on the Site:** In January 2025, the Santa Ana Water Board approved the cleanup work plan that addresses impacted soil in the western portion of the Site and that had previously been approved by the U.S. EPA. Rohr will follow the approved work plan to construct an asphalt and concrete cap to address impacted soil containing PCBs and Cr6 in the western portion of the Site. This work prevents potential contact with impacted soils and prevents contaminants from leaving the Site. This work is scheduled to begin in Spring 2026 and will continue through Spring 2027.

- **Soil at Off-Site Properties:** In January 2025, the Santa Ana Water Board conducted a 30-day public comment period on Rohr's human health risk assessment work plan that identifies what soil on adjacent properties (see Figure 1) will be removed, how the removal activities will be conducted, and how information will be communicated. The Santa Ana Water Board approved the work plan in March 2025, and the U.S. EPA approved it in July 2025.

  Off-Site soil cleanup activities will consist of the removal and proper off-Site disposal of contaminated soil, replacing the removed soil with clean soil, and restoring the excavated areas. All work will be conducted with permits from the City of Riverside. Rohr will communicate the approved soil cleanup plans with affected residents and coordinate construction work with them to minimize disruption. Measures will be taken to protect the health and safety of workers and residents, including managing dust and monitoring air, noise, and vibrations.

- **Soil at Off-Site Properties (West of the Site):** Based on the approved work plan, Rohr prepared soil cleanup plans for each adjacent property west of the Site. The Santa Ana Water Board and U.S. EPA approved the soil cleanup plans in February 2026 and they can be found at the following link or by scanning the QR code:

  https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=T0606500068. Cleanup work in this area is expected to begin in Spring/Summer 2026.

- **Soil at Off-Site Properties (South of the Site):** Rohr will collect additional soil samples to complete the sampling work. The sampling results are being used to prepare a soil assessment report and property-specific soil cleanup plans. The Santa Ana Water Board and U.S. EPA will review and provide comments and/or approval on the report and cleanup plans. Cleanup work in this area is expected to begin in late 2026 or early 2027.

- **Soil Vapor at Off-Site Properties:** Additional sampling and assessment are in progress to evaluate if soil vapor is affecting indoor air quality and is being conducted at both off-Site residential and commercial properties (see Figure 1). The Santa Ana Water Board will review the results, and Rohr will communicate the results of the evaluations with residents. The Offsite Vapor Intrusion Evaluation Work Plan can be found at the following link or by scanning the QR code:
  https://documents.geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/esi/uploads/geo_report/2550046980/T0606500068.PDF

- **Groundwater:** Rohr continues to work with the Santa Ana Water Board to clean up groundwater and monitor groundwater quality. Currently, two cleanup systems operate on-Site to treat groundwater, remove chemicals and prevent groundwater impacts from spreading. Groundwater monitoring shows that the contamination plume is stable. Rohr continues to evaluate VOCs and Cr6 in groundwater both on and adjacent to the Site under the oversight of the Santa Ana Water Board.

How can I find out more?

The results of environmental investigations, key documents and additional Site information are available at the Santa Ana Water Board office in Riverside and online on the GeoTracker website. GeoTracker is the State Water Resources Control Board's data management system for sites that impact or have the potential to impact water quality in California. GeoTracker can also be accessed by scanning the QR Code with your phone or using the link below:

https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=T0606500068

To learn more about the project, previous community fact sheets, and frequently asked questions (FAQ), you may also access Rohr Cleanup Project website by scanning the QR Code or using the link: https://rohrriversidecleanup.com/

Additional information regarding the contaminated areas associated with the Site, contaminants of concern and their exposure pathways, and recommendations for residents at the impacted areas can be found in the updated FAQ in the attachment of this fact sheet.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to reach out to one of the representatives listed below:

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **Why is the work being done?**
   Under the oversight of the Santa Ana Water Board and U.S. EPA, Rohr is addressing environmental impacts from historic operations in accordance with current regulatory standards. Environmental sampling conducted to date has identified impacts to soil, soil vapor, and groundwater on and adjacent to the Site.

2. **Where is the work taking place?**
   Environmental sampling and cleanup work will take place on and adjacent to the Site (see Figure 1 on Page 1 of this notice).

3. **What chemicals have been detected?**
   Based on historical sampling at Rohr's facility and adjacent properties, PCBs and Cr6 are the primary chemicals detected in soil, Cr6 and VOCs are the primary chemicals detected in groundwater, and VOCs are the primary chemicals detected in soil vapor and crawl space air.

4. **What are PCBs, Cr6 and VOCs?**
   PCBs are chemicals that were used in hundreds of common industrial and commercial purposes until domestic manufacturing was banned in 1979 and usage was phased out by the early 1980s. The Rohr Site stopped using PCBs in 1980.

   Cr6 is a chemical used for preventing rust and making things last longer. It is still used in certain industries like making stainless steel. It is in use at the Site under highly controlled conditions.

   VOCs are industrial chemicals used to clean and remove grease from parts during the manufacturing process. VOCs are also present in common household items like paint, moth balls, aerosol sprays, new furniture and carpeting, fuels, and clothes that have been dry-cleaned. VOCs are common groundwater contaminants at sites nationally.

5. **How could someone come into contact with the detected chemicals?**
   Exposure to PCBs and Cr6, found in soil on-Site and certain areas adjacent to the Site, can occur through direct contact with impacted soil (e.g., eating and touching) and consumption of animal products and plants which have been in contact with impacted soils.

   Exposure to VOCs and Cr6 in groundwater is not anticipated. Groundwater beneath the Site and adjacent areas is not used for drinking and/or irrigation purposes.

   VOCs can also be in the vapor phase (referred to as soil gas or soil vapor) and travel through the space between soil particles, entering indoor air through cracks in building foundations, utility pipes, and sewer lines. This process is called "vapor intrusion." Exposure to VOCs can occur through breathing in impacted indoor air. To date, indoor air sampling has been conducted at 14 off-Site properties (see Figure 1 on Page 1 of this notice). The testing has indicated the presence of VOCs slightly above screening levels at one off-Site commercial property. Mitigation measures were put in place for that off-Site commercial property while the team continues to evaluate the data and potential next steps. Additional information on vapor intrusion, including

what it is and how it can impact your health, can be found at the following link or by scanning the QR Code:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/site_cleanup_program/vapor_intrusion/docs/2023/VI-Basics-Fact-Sheet-Feb2023.pdf

6. **Is my drinking water safe to drink?**
Local drinking water is supplied by Riverside Public Utilities and is not impacted by the Site. All public drinking water supplies are regularly tested and must meet federal and state standards.

7. **Can residents and their pets adjacent to the Site use their yards?**
Yes. The current levels of soil contamination at properties adjacent to the Rohr facility do not require relocation of occupants or discontinued activities within the yards.

Discrete locations within some residential yards immediately adjacent to Rohr's facility have been identified with elevated levels of PCBs and Cr6 above health-based screening levels. Rohr will work with these residents to remove impacted soils that exceed agency approved cleanup levels, replace them with clean soil, and restore these areas. Rohr installed a temporary barrier of asphalt or gravel at certain off-Site areas with high levels of PCB contamination to minimize contact with these contaminated soils until cleanup is complete.

Nevertheless, Rohr has been working with residents to advise them of impacted areas and made recommendations to help residents at impacted properties reduce contact with soil contaminants until cleanup is conducted. Reducing contact with contaminated soils minimizes the risk, or likelihood of developing any adverse health impacts associated with PCBs and Cr6. Recommendations for residents at these impacted properties include:

- Avoid unnecessary digging or direct contact with soils in areas with elevated contaminant concentrations. Rohr will provide specific guidance and locations to avoid to impacted owners based on property-specific findings.
- Continue to practice good hygiene by thoroughly washing hands & materials after contacting soil within impacted backyards.
- Thoroughly wash potentially contaminated soils from fruits, vegetables, or any foodstuffs that are cultivated within impacted backyards before consuming.

8. **Are any of the local schools impacted?**
Soil impacts from Rohr to adjacent properties are mainly from historically uncontrolled stormwater runoff carrying contaminated soil. Due to raised roadways acting as a physical barrier for stormwater flow and the distance between the Rohr facility and local schools, including Arlanza Elementary, soil impacts to local schools are not likely. The soil and groundwater data collected to date has not indicated the need for any sampling at Arlanza Elementary or any other schools.

9. **My property is adjacent to Rohr Site. Why has Rohr not conducted environmental investigations on my property?**
   If your property has not been tested for contamination, it means the current environmental data collected nearby does not indicate potential impacts to your property. Santa Ana Water Board and U.S. EPA staff thoroughly evaluate environmental data and assess the impacts associated with Rohr's contamination. While it is not anticipated, if new data identifies the need to expand the investigation area, you will be contacted so Rohr can conduct the necessary environmental investigations at your property.