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Terrebonne-area residents will discuss Lower Bridge Mine

Residents of the Terrebonne area will have a chance to discuss health concerns about the Lower Bridge Mine during an informational meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m., Aug. 13, at the Redmond Senior Center, 325 NW Dogwood Ave., in Redmond.

The meeting, sponsored by the Oregon Department of Human Services Public Health Division, will begin at 6:30 p.m. and include presentations from Oregon Public Health Division's Environmental Health Assessment Program (EHAP), and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). A question and answer session will follow.

Before the meeting, representatives from EHAP, DEQ, and the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) will be on hand to answer questions informally during a drop-in informational session beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The Lower Bridge Mine is a former surface mine on a 600-acre site near Redmond. It was used from 1930 to 1958 to mine diatomaceous earth. The focus of the meeting will be to provide local residents an opportunity to communicate concerns related to possible health risks from living near the site. EHAP will also describe how the health assessment process for the site will be conducted. In addition, staff from DEQ and DOGAMI will be available to address questions about the site history and plans for environmental clean-up.

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