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# Residents Learn About Progress at NASA's Groundwater Cleanup Project at JPL

Local residents met members of NASA's Groundwater Cleanup Project, local water purveyors and health and technical experts in a community information session earlier this week to learn more about NASA's progress in cleaning up groundwater beneath and around JPL.

Staffed by experts on various aspects of the cleanup, standing displays depicted elements of history as well as NASA's successes over the past year to clean up the ground-

water from chemicals left behind from practices in the 1940s and 1950s.

NASA provided information on the LAWC treatment facility it is funding to remove both volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and perchlorate from drinking water. In addition, it described its on-site treatment plant that is currently under construction to remove the chemicals at the source.

Other displays included graphics portraying uses of groundwater

monitoring to examine the extent and direction of chemicals in groundwater flow.

Steve Slaten, NASA cleanup project manager, explained that "NASA not only wants to fulfill its pledge to be a good neighbor and clean up the groundwater, but we also want to engage and inform our neighbors and get their input."

Also participating in the community information session were members of the California Department of Health Services (DHS), Pasadena

Water and Power (PWP) and Lincoln Avenue Water Company (LAWC).

To keep the public informed about its cleanup efforts, NASA has established information repositories on its overall remediation effort and invites public review of those materials. The repositories are located at the Altadena and La Cañada Flintridge public libraries and at the Pasadena Central Library. Materials can also be viewed on the Web at <http://JPLwater.nasa.gov>.

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