



West Berkeley Alliance for Clean Air and Safe Jobs  
**Media Release**

**COMMUNITIES ANNOUNCE HUNT FOR PACIFIC STEEL TOXICS**  
WBA will train community to independently test for foundry's pollution

The West Berkeley Alliance for Clean Air and Safe Jobs (WBA), a grassroots community organization pressuring Pacific Steel Casting Company (PSC) to protect jobs and stop polluting the air, will host a particulate swipe training. At this free training community members will learn how to conduct independent swipe tests for dangerous particulates from PSC. Everyone affected by particulate fallout in the area is welcome to attend.

Exact levels of fugitive particulates escaping PSC are not known. Small particulate pollution has been closely linked to aggravation of existing heart and lung conditions, as well as increased death rates in populations experiencing prolonged exposure. Children and elders are most vulnerable. PSC has repeatedly delayed release of an updated emissions inventory report that was mandated by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District as part of a Health Risk Assessment.

Community residents and organizers seek facts about Pacific Steel's pollution. After training, community members will be able to determine pollution facts via independent testing. International environmental testing expert Global Community Monitor supports WBA in the training.

Tuesday, August 1, 2006

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Location: Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave, near Dwight Way, Berkeley.

Info: 510-548-2220 x233.