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Norco College - The First 25 Years

“Toxic Waste”

Norco IMC invites you to take a look back to August 1990 when state health officials declared the Norco College site clear of hazardous materials in “Toxic Waste.”

Buried rubble and toxic waste had been discovered a year before when grading of the site began. The health department had notified the college that it would have to be cleaned up before opening.

High concentrations of zinc, lead, and mercury were found around and within an incinerator. Soil in another area was filled with zinc-laden ash. Asbestos were present in buildings that were planned for usage by college maintenance workers.

Buried waste was discovered where the roadway was being graded. There were bricks, tires, debris, microfilm, and office paperwork as well as medical waste of pill & vaccination bottles and intravenous drug equipment.

All were removed and the state gave a green light for construction to continue.

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