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| **Environmental Enlightenment #130** By Ami Adini - Reissued November 19, 2014   |  | | --- | | This is a SHORT, LIGHT and SIMPLE newsletter. Its purpose is to rekindle in the initiated terminology they have once learned, and enlighten the uninitiated on terms they may have heard but never knew the meaning of. | | **ToxFAQs™**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), based in Atlanta, Georgia, is a federal public health agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. ATSDR provides health information to prevent harmful exposures and diseases related to toxic substances. You can reach ATSDR at<http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/atsdrhome.html>. | http://amiadini.com/NewsletterArchive/141119-NL130/envEnl-130_files/envEnl-130_clip_image002.jpg |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://amiadini.com/NewsletterArchive/141119-NL130/envEnl-130_files/envEnl-130_clip_image004.jpg | The ATSDR ToxFAQs™ is a series of summaries about hazardous substances. Each fact sheet serves as a quick and easy to understand guide. Answers are provided to the most frequently asked questions (FAQs) about exposure to hazardous substances found around hazardous waste sites and the effects of exposure on human health. You can access ToxFAQs at <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaqs/index.asp> |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | For example, [Tetrachloroethylene](http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaqs/tf.asp?id=264&tid=48) is an industrial solvent responsible for contamination of groundwater aquifers and pollution of indoor environments by vaporizing from contaminated subsurface soils. Click on the above link to connect directly to the ToxFAQS related summary. | http://amiadini.com/NewsletterArchive/141119-NL130/envEnl-130_files/envEnl-130_clip_image006.jpg |   A small problem with the site is that it does not respond to synonyms. Tetrachloroethylene is also known as Perc, PCE, tetrachloroethene, and perchloroethylene. However, the site responds to search only under “Tetrachloroethylene.” If you do not find a chemical by the name known to you, (e.g., PCE), you can try to find synonyms on the Internet. For example, a search for “PCE synonyms” will yield good results. | | You can find past issues of our "Environmental Enlightenment" at [amiadini.com](http://www.amiadini.com/)Wealth of information about environmental site assessments in the real estate transactions and issues concerning assessment and cleanup of contamination in the subsurface soil and groundwater. |  |  | | --- | | Call me if you have any questions. There are **no obligations.**  Ami Adini Environmental Services, Inc. Environmental Consultants & General Engineering Contractors California Lic. #1009513 A B HAZ ASB **818-824-8102**; [**mail@amiadini.com**](mailto:mail@amiadini.com) [www.amiadini.com](http://amiadini.com/)  Ami Adini is a veteran environmental practitioner with over 40 years of experience. He carries a Bachelor of Science degree (B.Sc.) in Mechanical Engineering including academic credits in Nuclear and Chemical Engineering and postgraduate education in these fields. His career includes design and construction of nuclear plant facilities, chemical processing plants and hazardous wastewater treatment systems. He is a former California Registered Environmental Assessor Levels I & II in the 1988-2012 registry that certified environmental professionals in the assessment and remediation of environmentally impacted land, and a Registered Environmental Professional (REP) since 1989 with the National Registry of Environmental Professionals (NREP). He is a California Business & Professions Code Qualifying Responsible Managing Officer (RMO) in the General Engineering Contractor classification with Hazardous Substance Removal and Asbestos certifications, and president of AMI ADINI ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC. (AAES), a general engineering contractor and consulting firm specializing in environmental site assessments, rehabilitation of contaminated sites and removal of environmental risks from real-estate transactions. (Contact Ami for a complete resume.) **AAES provides practical solutions to environmental concerns using the highest standards of ethics and integrity while providing its clients with maximum return on their investments.** | |