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# WORK NOTICE

## CHANGES TO SOIL AND GROUNDWATER CLEANUP SYSTEM

### Former Univar USA Facility 4256 Noakes St, Commerce, California

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is overseeing cleanup of a historical chemical release that occurred at the former Univar USA (Univar) site. DTSC has recently approved modifications to the equipment used to clean up the soil and groundwater at the site, which is expected to improve performance of the cleanup operations, as follows:

- **Treatment of Groundwater:** Currently, groundwater at the site is treated with an air stripper system to remove the contaminants. The treated groundwater is then discharged to the sanitary sewer. The air stripper will be removed and the groundwater will now be treated with a granular activated carbon system. Groundwater discharged to the sanitary sewer will comply with standards issued by the Los Angeles County Sanitation District (LACSD).
- **Treatment of Soil Gas:** Currently, soil gas at the site is treated with a thermal oxidation unit at a rate of 700 cubic feet per minute. This rate will be increased to 1,000 cubic feet per minute. The contaminated soil gas is treated in accordance with a permit issued by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD).

DTSC, in conjunction with the LACSD and SCAQMD, will monitor both treatment systems to ensure that permit limits are not exceeded.

In order to make the required system modifications, Univar will make equipment changes at the site. All work will take place on-site and no impacts to the surrounding community are anticipated. A copy of the Variance document explaining the changes in more detail is available for review on DTSC's website. In addition, a revised California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document has been prepared. Both these documents can be accessed from DTSC's EnviroStor website:

<https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/search.asp>

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