

Public Notice

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances through the restoration of contaminated resources, enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.

Draft Interim Measures Workplan for Hixson Metal Finishing in Newport Beach is Available for Public Review and Comment

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: December 13th, 2013 – January 13th, 2014

What Is Being Proposed? – The Department of Toxic Substances is accepting public comments on a draft cleanup plan to address contaminated soil at the Hixson Metal Finishing facility (Hixson) located at 817-853 Production Place in Newport Beach. The draft cleanup plan called an Interim Measures IM Workplan was developed to mitigate potential health and safety risks to people working at the Hixson site and residents of the Newport Villa Apartments located at 1549 Placentia Avenue. The draft IM Workplan describes in detail the environmental investigation conducted, findings, and proposed interim remedy to address soil contaminated with chlorinated solvents. The draft IM is an interim measure and is not the final cleanup plan for the facility. Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a Notice of Exemption (NOE) is proposed, as the proposed remedial activities will not have a significant effect on public health and the environment.

Hixson is an active operating facility of about 1.75 acres. Chemicals known as Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), including Perchloroethylene (PCE) and Trichloroethene (TCE) came into contact with soil and groundwater at the site. The draft IM is an interim remedy to address impacted soil. Impacted groundwater is not a source of drinking water and is currently being monitored. If required in the future, a final cleanup plan to address groundwater impacts and metals in soil below the Hixson facility will be prepared for public review and comment. This draft IM Workplan for soil proposes the installation and continued operation of a Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE) system designed to extract and treat the VOCs in soil beneath the Hixson facility (on-site) and soil-vapors at the Apartments (off-site). Under DTSC oversight, the SVE system will operate continuously or intermittently as needed to ensure cleanup goals are met.

How Do I Participate? – The 32-day public comment period for the draft IM Workplan begins **December 13th, 2013 and ends January 13th, 2014. All public comments must be postmarked or e-mailed by January 13th, 2014, and sent to:** Irena Edwards, DTSC Project Manager, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630-4732, e-mail: Irena.Edwards@dtsc.ca.gov. DTSC will consider and respond to public comments before a final decision is made.

Information Repositories: Copies of the draft IM Workplan, CEQA NOE and related project documents are available for review electronically at www.EnviroStor.dtsc.ca.gov, or at the following Information Repository locations:

Mariners Library	Dept. Toxic Substances Control
2005 Dover Drive	5796 Corporate Avenue
Newport Beach, CA 92660-4422	Cypress, CA 90630-4732
(949) 717-3838	(714) 484-5337 Monday -Friday 8 am to 5 pm
Mon-Thurs: 9 am-9 pm	Contact Julie Johnson for an appt.
Fri-Sat: 9 am-6pm	
Sunday: 12 pm-5 pm	

Who To Contact for More Information – If you have any questions about the project, draft IM Workplan, CEQA NOE, or other project related activities please contact: Irena Edwards, DTSC Project Manager, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630-4732, (714) 484-5385, e-mail: Irena.Edwards@dtsc.ca.gov. For community outreach, contact Stacey Lear, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, (714) 484-5354, e-mail: Stacey.Lear@dtsc.ca.gov. For media inquiries, contact Sandy Nax, DTSC Public Information Officer, (916) 327-6114, e-mail: Sandy.Nax@dtsc.ca.gov.