

Fact Sheet, August 2009

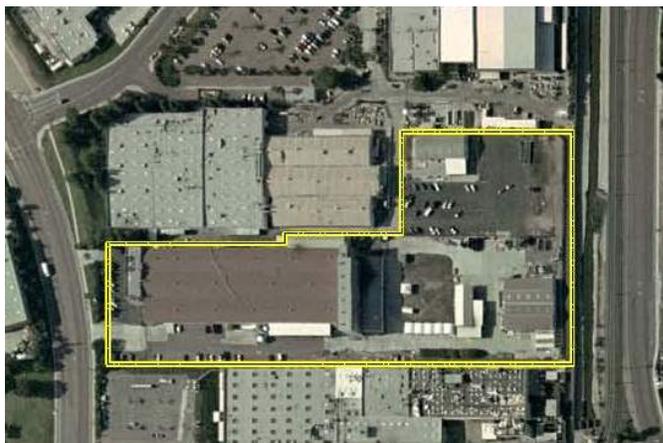
Environmental Cleanup of the Former Carpenter Special Products Facility

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Department of
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Control

Our mission is to provide the highest level of safety, and to protect public health and the environment from toxic harm.



Aerial view of the Former Carpenter property

The plan for the proposed cleanup of chemical-impacted soil at the former Carpenter Special Products Corporation Facility (Carpenter) is available for public review and comment. The former Carpenter facility consists of 7.2 acres located at 1717 N. Cuyamaca Street in the city of El Cajon, a commercial, industrial, and residential area of San Diego County.

The proposed cleanup plan consists of removing chemical-impacted shallow soil beneath the former Degreaser Room. The Corrective Measures Proposal presents the procedures for implementing this activity.

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), a department within the California Environmental Protection Agency, is responsible for overseeing the cleanup at Carpenter.

30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD August 3 through September 2, 2009

Your participation is encouraged. The proposed cleanup plan, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Draft Notice of Exemption, and other related project documents for this Site are available for public review and comment at the locations listed on page 3. We will make a final decision after all public comment has been reviewed and considered. Please submit written comments postmarked or emailed by 5 p.m. on **September 2, 2009**, to:

Jermaine Nora, Project Manager, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630. E-mail: jnora@dtsc.ca.gov.

A public meeting has not been scheduled during the public comment period.



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History and Operations

In 1954, NTH Products, Inc. (NTH) secured a lease from the County of San Diego and completed construction of buildings in 1955. Prior to building construction the land was used for aviation purposes. In 1962, NTH was purchased by the Carpenter Steel Company (now Carpenter Technology Corporation). In 2005, the business was purchased by Veridiam Corporation which continues to operate at the Site. In 2003, Carpenter agreed with DTSC to conduct a Site investigation in conjunction with the Hazardous Waste Tiered Permitting Regulations. Based on the results of this investigation and subsequent investigations, soil excavation was recommended in the Degreaser Room.

Degreaser Room Environmental Investigations

The former Degreaser Room was investigated to assess subsurface soil and groundwater impacts from historical degreasing operations conducted in the room. Results of the investigation show that shallow soil is impacted by volatile organic compounds (VOCs) at concentrations which require cleanup.

Proposed Cleanup Plan

The proposed cleanup plan calls for the excavation of approximately 60 cubic yards of impacted soil to a depth of eight feet using commercial/industrial soil cleanup goals.

The proposed soil removal will take about one week to complete. During this period, approximately four truckloads of impacted soil will be removed and transported to a permitted disposal facility.

Future Land Use

Site zoning is currently industrial and will remain industrial after implementation of the proposed cleanup plan. As necessary, a deed restriction will be used to ensure the land use of the area remains industrial.

What You Can Expect to See in Your Neighborhood

When the proposed cleanup plan is approved, you can expect to see the following cleanup activities:

- Onsite construction equipment will operate from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- Personnel on the site will use standard construction machinery and safety gear.
- As the impacted soil is excavated, dust control and monitoring measures will be implemented to minimize the generation and off-site migration of dust.
- The trucks will use Cuyamaca Street and Fletcher Parkway to Interstate 8 Freeway to transport soil to the appropriate disposal facility. Flagmen will be used to direct truck traffic onto adjacent streets as necessary.

To protect onsite workers and the surrounding community during the cleanup activities, field work is to be conducted according to a site-specific Health and Safety Plan. The following are some of the activities in the plan:

- The use of protective clothing and gloves by workers;
- Misting of soil with water to minimize dust (if necessary);
- Covering trucks before they leave the site;
- Monitoring the air to ensure dust stays at safe levels;
- Use of plastic sheeting to cover any piles of contaminated soil that may be left in place overnight; and
- Removal of protective clothing while onsite and ensuring proper disposal.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Review

DTSC is required to review all environmental activities under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to ensure that the proposed cleanup will not have any significant adverse impact on the environment. DTSC has determined that the proposed cleanup will not have any significant adverse impact on the environment due to the controlled manner in which the cleanup will be undertaken. Our findings are documented in a Draft Notice of Exemption which is available at the locations listed on the next page.

Response to Comments

After the public comment period ends DTSC will review and consider all comments received and make any necessary revisions to the proposed plan prior to final approval. Anyone who submits their comments and address will receive DTSC's Response to Comments document. A copy of the "Response to Comments" document will be available at locations listed on this page.

Where to Find Site Related Documents

The proposed cleanup is described in detail in the Corrective Measures Proposal for the Former Carpenter Facility. All site documents are available for review by the public at:

El Cajon Public Library – Reference Desk

201 E. Douglas Avenue
El Cajon, CA 92020
(619) 588-3718

Department of Toxic Substances Control

5796 Corporate Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630
Hours: 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday
Contact: Julie Johnson for an appointment
(714) 484-5337

DTSC Contacts

If you have any questions about the investigation or cleanup at this site, please call:

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DTSC Project Manager
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tchauvel@dtsc.ca.gov

For media inquiries, please call:
Sandra Friedman, Public Information Officer
(714) 484-5383
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Notice to Hearing-Impaired Individuals

You can obtain additional information about the site by using the California State Relay Service at 1 (888) 877-5379 (TDD). Ask them to contact Jermaine Nora at (714) 484-5324 regarding the Carpenter Special Products project.

For more information about DTSC:

Visit our website at www.dtsc.ca.gov

PUBLIC COMMENT FORM AND MAILING COUPON

If you have any comments concerning the proposed environmental cleanup of the former degreaser room of the **Former Carpenter Facility**, please fill out the information below and mail this form to Jermaine Nora, Department of Toxic Substances Control, 5796 Corporate Avenue., Cypress, CA 90630 or email to jnora@dtsc.ca.gov. Please include your name and address if you wish to receive a copy of the written Response to Comments. All comments must be postmarked or emailed no later than September 2, 2009.

Name: _____

Agency or Organization (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

Please add to the site mailing list. Please delete from the site mailing list.

Comments: _____

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