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Environmental Cleanup at the Former Commonwealth Aluminum Facility



Former Commonwealth Aluminum Facility

Plans for the proposed cleanup of contaminated soil at the former Commonwealth Aluminum Facility (Site) are available for public review and comment. The Site consists of about 22 acres located at 2211-2307 East Carson Street, a commercial/industrial area, in the City of Carson.

The cleanup plan includes the excavation and removal of soils containing petroleum hydrocarbons in excess of Site-specific commercial Risk Based Screening Levels (RBSLs) and the development of a Land Use Covenant (LUC) to limit future land use to commercial/industrial activities.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

November 21, 2007 to December 24, 2007

The proposed cleanup plan and other related documents for this Site are available for review and comment at the locations listed on page 3. A final decision about the cleanup will be made by the DTSC after all public comments have been reviewed and considered.

Please submit your comments no later than **5 p.m. December 24, 2007**. Please submit your comments to:

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*Si desea información en español,
comuníquese con Leticia Hernandez al (714) 484-5488 o número gratis 1-866-495-5651.
For more information about the DTSC, please visit our web site at www.dtsc.ca.gov*



History of Aluminum Recycling and Rolling Operations

Since 1947 the Site has been used as a manufacturing facility. The western portion of the Site was used by several companies for aluminum recycling and rolling until March 31, 2006.

Environmental Investigations

Since 1987 numerous Site investigations have been conducted to evaluate potential environmental impacts from aluminum recycling and manufacturing operations. The investigations included collecting and analyzing soil and soil vapor samples and installing and monitoring 10 groundwater monitoring wells. These investigations show that the former aluminum recycling and rolling operations contaminated soil in several areas with petroleum hydrocarbons at concentrations exceeding the RBSLs.

Cleanup Plan

The proposed cleanup for this Site consists of the excavation and removal of soil containing concentrations of petroleum hydrocarbons in excess of the RBSLs approved for commercial uses and a land use covenant (LUC) to restrict the future use of this Site to only commercial/industrial uses. About 3,300 cubic yards of soil will be excavated and transported offsite to a permitted disposal facility. Soil removal will continue until soil confirmation samples show that the RBSLs have been met. The contaminated soil will be transported by trucks during daylight hours Monday through Friday, with occasional work on Saturdays. No more than 25 trucks per day will be required. DTSC anticipates the cleanup will take about 90 days to complete.

Future Land Use Restrictions

A LUC will be recorded to restrict the use of the Site to commercial/industrial uses. The LUC will be recorded with the Office of the County Recorder and will "run with the land." This means that future owners and operators of the Site will be limited to only using the Site for commercial/industrial purposes. DTSC has authority to enforce the LUC under state law.

Economic Redevelopment

In December 2006 the Site was acquired by ProLogis Exchange CA (7) LLC. After cleanup the Site will be redeveloped into a warehouse and distribution facility. The redevelopment plan was reviewed and approved by the City of Carson during a public meeting.

What You Can Expect to See in Your Neighborhood

You can expect to see the following cleanup activities during the implementation of the cleanup plan:

- Onsite construction equipment will operate during daylight hours Monday through Friday, and occasionally on Saturdays.
- Onsite personnel will use standard construction machinery and safety gear.
- Dust monitoring and control measures will be used as soil is excavated to minimize and control the generation of dust to protect workers and the public.
- Trucks carrying soil from the site will use South Wilmington Avenue and Interstate 405 as the transportation route.

To protect onsite workers and the surrounding community during the cleanup activities field work will be conducted according to a Site-specific Health and Safety Plan. The following activities are addressed in the plan:

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

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

DTSC reviews environmental activities to ensure compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to prevent any significant adverse impacts to the environment. DTSC has determined that the proposed cleanup will not have any significant adverse impact to the environment due to the controlled manner in which the cleanup will be done. These findings are documented in a Draft Notice of Exemption which is available for review at the locations listed in this fact sheet.

Response to Comments

DTSC will review and consider all comments received during the public comment period and make any necessary revisions to the proposed plan prior to final approval. Anyone who submits their comments, or requests to be added to the mailing list, will receive DTSC's "Response to Comments" document.

How to Find Site Related Documents

The proposed cleanup plan is described in detail in the Corrective Measures Proposal for the Former Commonwealth Aluminum Facility and is available for review at:

Carson Regional Library

151 East Carson Street
Carson, CA 90745
(310) 830-0901

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
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DTSC Contacts

If you have any questions please call:

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Notice to Hearing Impaired Individuals

TDD users can obtain additional information about the cleanup by calling the California State Relay Service at (1-888-877-5378) to reach DTSC Public Participation Specialist, Leticia Hernandez at (714) 484-5488.

PUBLIC COMMENT FORM AND MAILING COUPON

If you have any comments concerning the proposed environmental cleanup of the former **Commonwealth Aluminum Facility** please fill out the information below and mail this form to Mr. Nebu John, Department of Toxic Substances Control, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630 or email Mr. John at njohn@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 December 24, 2007.

Name: _____

Agency or Organization (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

Please add my name to the site mailing list.

Please delete my name from the site mailing list.

Comments: _____

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