



PUBLIC NOTICE

Draft Removal Action Workplan and Addendum for East Mill at the Former Gaylord Container Corporation Antioch, California



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: March 9, 2011 to April 11, 2011

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announces a 30-day public comment period on the draft Removal Action Plan (RAW) and Addendum for East Mill at the Former Gaylord Container Corporation located at 2603 Wilbur Avenue in incorporated Antioch, California. The East Mill facility covers approximately 80 acres, which majority of the site is vacant with the exception of building foundations and portions of surface hard-scaped areas remaining from past industrial paper manufacturing operations. A small dock extends from the northern boundary of the site into the San Joaquin River. DTSC determined that cleanup action is required after tests showed elevated levels of lead in the Northern Main Mill Process Area; dioxins/furans, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and lead in the Wastewater Treatment Plant Area; PAHs and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in the East Pump House area; and dioxins/furans and lead in the Former Plant Trash, Debris, and Disposal Area. Exposure to these contaminants has the potential to negatively impacts human health and the environment.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT-INITIAL STUDY/NEGATIVE DECLARATION: An Initial Study was conducted by DTSC to determine if the additional soil removal activities would have a significant effect on the environment.

A determination has been made that the additional removal would not have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, DTSC has prepared a Negative Declaration for this project. The proposed Initial Study and Negative Declaration are also open for public review and comment during the comment period of the draft RAW.

WHY THIS NOTICE?

The purpose of this notice is to provide you with the opportunity to learn more about the project and to provide comments to DTSC, concerning the soil removal action that is proposed in the draft RAW.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the draft RAW may be submitted in writing to Katharine Hilf, DTSC Project Manager, 700 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, California 94710 or email KHilf@dtsc.ca.gov. All mailed and emailed comments must be received by February 3, 2011.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Copies of the draft RAW and other site-related documents are available at the below information repositories:

Department of Toxic Substance Control
File Room
700 Heinz Avenue
Berkeley, California 94710
(510) 540-3800

City of Antioch Public Library
501W. 18th Street
Antioch, California 94531
(925) 757-9224
Call for hours

Additional Site information is available through DTSC's EnviroStor database system at <http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/> or at DTSC website at www.dtsc.ca.gov.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions regarding the draft RAW, contact: Katharine Hilf, DTSC Project Manager, at (510) 540-3800 or email KHilf@dtsc.ca.gov. For questions regarding the public participation process, contact Tammy Pickens, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (916) 255-3594 or email TPickens@dtsc.ca.gov. For media inquiries, contact Jeanne Garcia at (818) 717-6573 or email JGarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov.