



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD



**DTSC is holding a Public Workshop and Hearing
on January 29, 2009, for the
Proposed Corrective Action Complete Determination for the
Chloroform Release Area at
Hitachi Global Storage Technologies, Inc., Redevelopment Property**

The 30-day public comment period starts on January 14, 2009, and ends on February 13, 2009

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is requesting public comment on its proposed decision to issue a Corrective Action Complete Determination for the Chloroform Release Area. On January 29, 2009, DTSC will present the results of the cleanup of the Chloroform Release Area during a Workshop and will accept comments during the Hearing. The Hitachi Global Storage Technologies, Inc. (Hitachi GST) Redevelopment Property is located at 5600 Cottle Road in San Jose. The Chloroform Release Area is an approximately 0.8 (8/10ths) acre portion of the 143-acre Redevelopment Property. Hitachi GST is planning to sell 143 acres of its 321-acre facility for redevelopment into commercial, residential and park areas. The redevelopment proposal was approved by the City of San Jose in 2005.

In November 2007, DTSC approved 2-PhaseTM Extraction as the cleanup remedy for the Chloroform Release Area. 2-PhaseTM Extraction applies a vacuum to the subsurface through extraction wells to induce air flow to remove volatile organic compounds (VOCs), such as chloroform. Hitachi GST operated the 2-PhaseTM Extraction system from July 2007 to August 2008. During approximately 8,000 hours of operation, the 2-PhaseTM Extraction system removed approximately 68 million cubic feet of soil vapor and 535,000 gallons of groundwater. Investigation activities included the collection of approximately 200 discrete soil gas samples, over 100 soil samples, and approximately 200 groundwater samples. Hitachi GST has submitted to DTSC the Final Remedy Completion Report for the Chloroform Release Area, dated November 17, 2008, and the Groundwater and Soil Gas Sampling Results – December 2008 Report, dated January 5, 2009. These results indicate that the health risk based cleanup goals for chloroform in soil, soil-gas, and groundwater have been achieved and the property is suitable for its intended residential use.

DTSC has prepared an updated Final Statement of Basis that describes the cleanup remedy as it was ultimately implemented and provides the basis for DTSC's proposed decision. Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC prepared a Negative Declaration in November 2007 when the 2-PhaseTM Extraction remedy was selected. Because there were some minor changes between the project description in the Negative Declaration and the project as implemented, DTSC has prepared an Addendum to the Negative Declaration. The Addendum explains why these changes have not altered the findings of no significant impact associated with the cleanup project.

The Final Remedy Completion Report for the Chloroform Release Area, Groundwater and Soil Gas Sampling Results – December 2008 Report, updated Final Statement of Basis, Addendum to the Negative Declaration, and other documents about the Chloroform Release Area may be found at the Edenvale Branch Library, 101 Branham Lane East, San Jose (408) 808-3036, during its normal operating hours. Selected project documents will also be on the DTSC web site (www.dtsc.ca.gov) at <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Projects/Hitachi.cfm>. The complete Hitachi GST file is available for review at DTSC's Berkeley Office, 700 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, California, (510) 540-3800, call for an appointment. For questions concerning this project, please contact Paul Ruffin at (916) 255-6677.

There will be a 30-day public comment period that begins January 14, 2009, and ends February 13, 2009. The workshop and hearing will be held at 6:30 pm on January 29, 2009, at:

**Southside Community Center
5585 Cottle Road
San Jose, California 95123
(408) 629-3336**

The public is invited to comment during the 30-day public comment period. Mailed comments must be postmarked no later than February 13, 2009, and e-mailed comments must be received by midnight on February 13, 2009. Comments may be sent to: Mr. Paul Ruffin, Department of Toxic Substances Control, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826, or pruffin@dtsc.ca.gov.