



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

### PROPOSED MODIFIED CLOSURE PLAN

### NORTHROP GRUMMAN EAST

### COMPLEX FACILITY

One Northrop Avenue, Hawthorne, California

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** April 25 to May 24, 2005

#### WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to comment on a proposed Modified Closure Plan (Plan) for the hazardous waste units at the former Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation East Complex Facility (Northrop Grumman). If approved, the Plan will allow the closure of five inactive permitted hazardous waste containment units onsite, called Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) units. The units include four above-ground storage tanks and a former hazardous waste storage pad. A Notice of Exemption (NOE) was developed to summarize our finding that the activities described in the Plan will not have significant effect to human health and the environment.

The Plan describes the activities conducted and the additional activities required beyond the scope of the original closure plan to meet the cleanup and closure requirements including targeted soil cleanup. The Plan revises the originally proposed performance standards and bases it on a human health risk and ecological risk evaluation.

Northrop conducted closure activities for the RCRA units at the former aerospace manufacturing facility between 1995 and 1999 in accordance with a DTSC-approved closure plan. However, confirmation sampling detected very low levels of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) such as industrial solvents in soils in some of the excavated areas. The VOCs were left in some areas and covered with concrete and asphalt.

DTSC is the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) department that regulates the generation, storage, treatment, and disposal of hazardous waste in California.

#### HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

The public has the opportunity to submit comments on these proposals during the 30-day public comment period. All written comments must be postmarked no later than **May 24, 2005** and should be sent to the attention of Ms. Maria Fabella, DTSC Project Manager, 1011 N. Grandview Avenue, Glendale, CA 91201, or [mfabella@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:mfabella@dtsc.ca.gov).

#### WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the proposed Modified Closure Plan and other project documents are available for review at:

**Hawthorne Library**  
12700 Grevillea Avenue  
Hawthorne, CA 90250  
(310) 679-8193

Hours: Tues. & Wed. 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Thu. Fri. & Sat. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday & Monday: Closed

**Department of Toxic Substances Control  
Regional Records Office**

1011 N. Grandview Avenue  
Glendale, CA 91201  
Contact: Jone Barrio at (818) 551-2886  
Hours: Mon. – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Ms. Fabella at (818) 551-2918, or Ms. Maya Akula, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (818) 551-2917. For more information about the DTSC, please visit our Web site at [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov).