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Final Remedy at San Diego Gas & Electric Kearny Maintenance & Operations Facility



View of facility entrance from Overland Avenue.

A draft plan to address an area of contamination at the San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) Kearny Maintenance and Operations Facility (Site) is available for public review and comment. The Site is located at 5488 Overland Avenue in the city of San Diego, in an area zoned for mixed light industrial, office and commercial use. The Site is occupied by an active facility used by SDG&E to conduct maintenance of electrical transformers and a fleet of SDG&E service trucks, and as an operations center.

In accordance with a Corrective Action Consent Agreement (Consent Agreement) with SDG&E, DTSC has been overseeing an environmental investigation at the Site. A fact sheet summarizing the findings of the investigation was mailed to area businesses and occupants in January 2010.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD March 29, 2010 to April 30, 2010

The Corrective Measures Study report, draft Statement of Basis, and the draft California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption are available for review and public comment at the locations listed on page 3 of this fact sheet. All public comments will be reviewed and considered before a final decision is made on the remedy for this Site. Please submit written comments postmarked by April 30, 2010; or by e-mail before the deadline date no later than 5 p.m. to:

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Documents Available for Public Review

The public is provided an opportunity at this time, to review and comment on the final remedy for the Site which involves placing protective land use restrictions on a portion of the SDG&E property where soil is contaminated. The remedy selection document, called a Corrective Measures Study (CMS) report, and DTSC's draft Statement of Basis are available for public review at locations listed on page 3 of this fact sheet.

History and Operations at the Site

The Site was originally developed by SDG&E in 1966 as a power generating, maintenance, and operations facility. In 2001, the operations of the generating facilities were transferred to NRG Cabrillo Power Operations. Since 2001, SDG&E has used the Site for the maintenance of electrical transformers and personnel fleet vehicles, and as an operations center for SDG&E's field activities.

Investigation Overview

SDG&E has a Permit to store hazardous waste oil containing Poly-chlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) at the Site. The Permit and Consent Agreement require that SDG&E investigate areas at the Site where hazardous materials were managed in the past; these areas are called Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs). The purpose of the environmental investigation was to determine if hazardous materials were released from the SWMUs and if so whether they pose an unacceptable risk to current or potential future occupants of the Site.

Between 2005 and 2009 SDG&E completed 53 soil borings, and installed four soil gas probes and six groundwater monitoring wells. The investigation was performed in accordance with work plans approved by DTSC. The investigation concluded that a remedy evaluation was required for an area 1.3 acres in size, located in the center of the Site. The remaining 9.2 acres of the 10.5 acre Site is suitable for unrestricted use.

Final Remedy

The final remedy applies only to the 1.3 acres of the property where soil is contaminated. The proposed remedy for the impacted area is a land use covenant (LUC) and soil management plan. A LUC is an agreement, signed by DTSC and SDG&E, which establishes the activities that can be safely conducted at the LUC area at the Site.

The LUC will: 1) prohibit the LUC area from being developed as a residential home, school, day care or hospital, 2) require inspection and maintenance to prevent new releases and, 3) run with the land, meaning all successive owners of the LUC area will be bound by this covenant.

The LUC will also prevent the extraction of groundwater from the LUC area. The soil management plan will provide strict control of activities that disturb the soil and will require testing of any soil removed from the LUC area. No active cleanup of groundwater is planned and the groundwater monitoring wells will be removed.

Next Steps and California Environmental Quality Act

The CMS report and DTSC's draft Statement of Basis are available for public review and comment during a 30-day public comment period. Also, in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption which is available for review. The public is encouraged to comment on the final remedy for the Site. At this time a public meeting to discuss the final remedy has not been scheduled. If you would like DTSC to hold a public meeting please contact the DTSC staff listed on this fact sheet.

Following the close of the public comment period, DTSC will review all comments received and prepare a response to comments document. Notice of the final remedy decision, and a copy of the response to comments document, will be mailed to all persons that submit comments. If the final remedy is approved, SDG&E will implement it, and corrective action for this Site will be complete.

Where to Find Site Documents

The remedy selection documents and CEQA finding are available for public review at the following locations:

Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library

Reference Desk

9005 Aero Drive

San Diego, California 92123

Phone: (858) 573-1396

Mon. & Wed.: 12:30 – 8 p.m.

Tue. & Thu.: 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Fri. & Sun.: 1 – 5 p.m.

Sat.: 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

DTSC Region 1 Office

File Room (by appointment only)

8800 Cal Center Drive

Sacramento, California 95826

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On the DTSC Web site, www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public. Click the “Advanced Search” link in the upper left hand corner, enter site code 80001739, and click “Get Report.” Once there, you may read, review, or download and print the document.

Who to Contact for More Information

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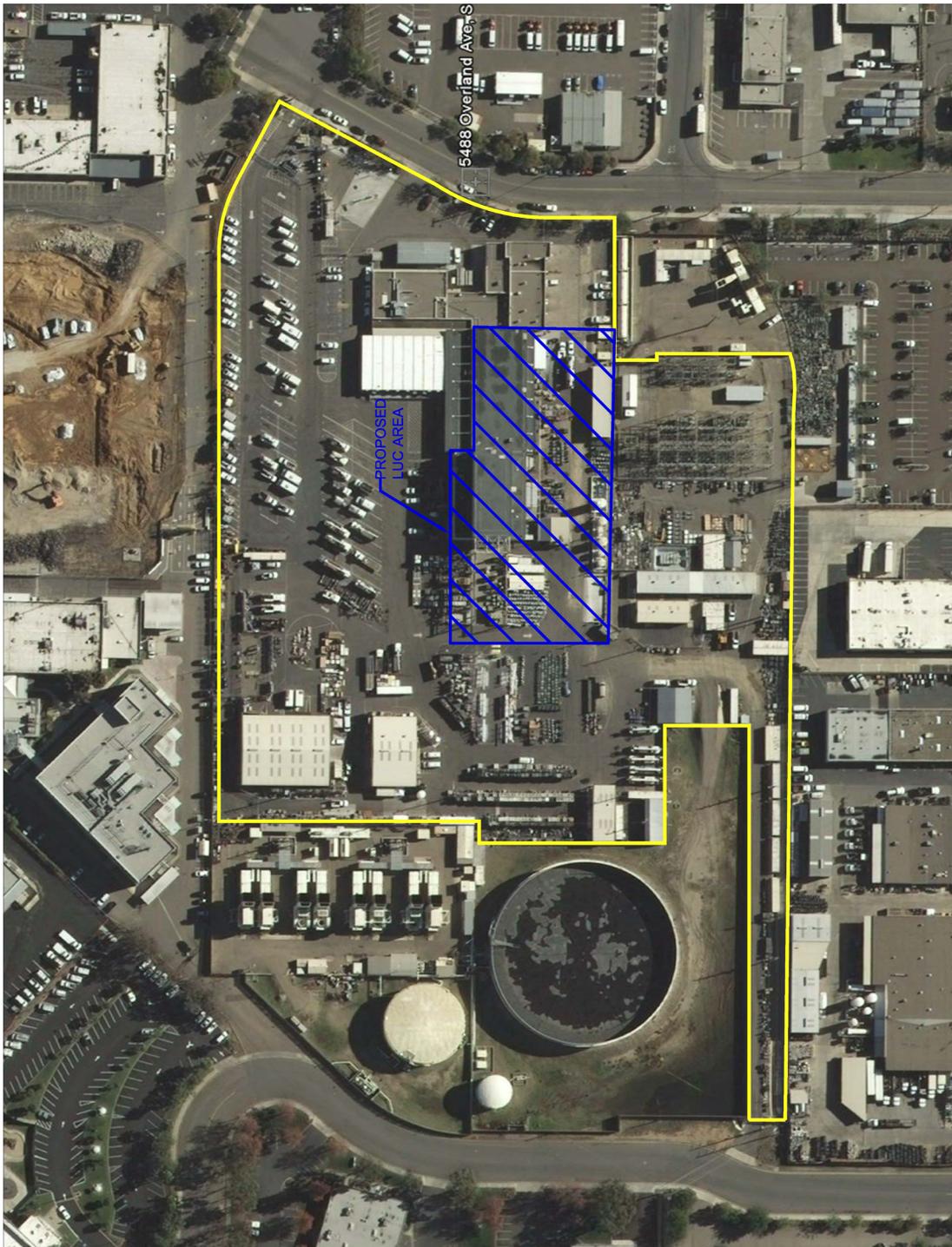
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Aerial view of the site. Yellow denotes the site boundary. Blue denotes the area of the proposed LUC.

