



## Department of Toxic Substances Control



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To Whom It May Concern:

### **NOTICE OF DECISION FOR CORRECTIVE ACTION FINAL REMEDY SELECTION**

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is issuing this Notice of Decision for Corrective Action Final Remedy Selection (Notice) and approving the remedies for groundwater at the former Witco Corporation Site (Site), currently owned by Durkee Properties, LLC. The Site is located at 850 Morton Avenue/3655 Collins Avenue, Richmond, California 94806. DTSC is also approving the draft Corrective Measures Study (CMS) Report dated May 2005.

The approved remedies described in the May 2005 CMS Report are:

- (1) Installing and conducting dual-phase vapor extraction at designated area between former Ponds 1 and 2;
- (2) Periodical groundwater sampling to confirm that tetramethyltetrahydrofuran (TMTHF) levels are below the cleanup goal of 2,300 parts per billion (ppb);
- (3) Monitoring the natural attenuation of benzene to verify that it has decreased below the cleanup goal of 1 ppb;
- (4) Monitoring the Site for an additional five years to confirm that cleanup goals have been achieved;
- (5) Entering into a Land Use Covenant between DTSC and current land owner; and
- (6) Conducting an annual inspection of the Site to ensure that future land use remains industrial and that no drinking water wells are installed on the Site.

In accordance with the California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 66271.9 regarding public notices, DTSC held a 45-day public comment period from August 11, 2006 to September 26, 2006 to seek public comments on the proposed remedies for groundwater at the former Witco Site. The public notice was published in the West County Times on August 11, 2006. A Fact Sheet was also mailed to the facility mailing list of approximately 775 persons. A public meeting/public hearing was held at Parchester Community Center, Richmond, California on September 12, 2006. Six

persons presented comments during the public hearing. One comment letter was received on September 26, 2006.

DTSC has prepared a Response to Comments document which has been made a part of the administrative record for this decision and is available to the public at the repositories listed at the end of this Notice. A copy of the Response to Comments will be mailed to those who submitted comments or otherwise requested. This decision is effective immediately.

DTSC has prepared a Notice of Exemption for this project to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). DTSC will be filing a Notice of Exemption with the State Clearing House within five business days of project approval as required by CEQA and implementing guidelines.

Copies of this Notice, Response to Comments, Notice of Exemption, and the Corrective Measures Study Report, and are available for review at:

Richmond Main Library  
Reference: Desk  
325 Civic Center Plaza  
Richmond, California  
(510) 620-6561

These documents are also available at DTSC's website. The complete administrative record associated with this Notice is available for review at:

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DTSC would like to thank everyone who participated in this corrective action process. Please bring this Notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Cherry Padilla of my staff at (510) 540-3967.

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