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REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN (RAW) ECOLOGY CONTROL INDUSTRIES-20846 NORMANDIE AVE TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA

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Ecology Control Industries Torrance Facility

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for Ecology Control Industries (former Akzo Sikkens), an active environmental services operation (Site), located at 20846 Normandie Avenue, Torrance, California.

What is Being Proposed? The proposed remedial action at this Site is to remove and properly dispose of soils impacted with heavy metals, Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs), and Organochlorine Pesticides (OCPs), in order to reduce the potential threat to human health and the environment. It is estimated that approximately 10,000 cubic yards of potentially impacted soil will be excavated, segregated, and sampled. Based on analytical sampling results, soil exceeding the Site cleanup criteria will be transported to a permitted disposal facility. Once the excavations have been completed, confirmation samples will be collected to verify that all of the impacted material has been removed. Clean fill material will be used to backfill excavated areas, and the Site will be graded and paved with asphalt.

The proposed future use of the Site will be for residential purposes only.

Public Comment Period



**30-day public comment period
from November 12, through
December 15, 2014.**

Comments concerning the draft RAW can be submitted in writing to:

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All comments must be postmarked or emailed by December 15, 2014.

A public meeting has not be scheduled for this project, but please contact the DTSC project manager if you have any questions or concerns.



There is no immediate health risk from the contaminants previously identified in the subsurface soil on and off the Site. However, the DTSC determined that the soil has levels of contaminants that are above acceptable risk for future residential land use, and has determined that the soil must be removed to an appropriate landfill facility.

History and Operations at the Site: The Site is currently the location of an active permitted environmental services firm providing a wide variety of services including transportation and industrial services that was in operation from approximately 1991.

In July 1996, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) issued a No Further Action Letter (NFA) (ID #R-00715) that confirms the site investigation and remedial action performed for underground storage tank case closure from a former toluene associated with former tenant Akzo Coatings, Inc.

In June 2008, Earth Tech issued a Soil Investigation Report -Historic Storm Water Pathway-South on behalf of Montrose Chemical Corporation delineating historic PCBs and OCPs released to historic runoff /storm water channel located in and along eastern portion of Ecology Control Industries Site.

Next Steps: Upon approval of the RAW after all public comment has been considered, DTSC will provide oversight for the cleanup of the Site by requiring Ecology Control Industries to implement the proposed RAW and to continue to evaluate conditions for future residential use.

During proposed cleanup activities: Excavation operations may generate windblown dust. Dust suppression measures such as spraying the area with water or covering stock piled soil with plastic will be implemented. Barriers and fencing will be installed prior to beginning the excavation process to confirm that all work areas are secure and protective of human health.

Air monitoring will be implemented during the soil removal in order to meet the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) regulatory requirements. Monitors will be placed along the perimeters of the active remediation area and will include upwind and downwind monitoring. Work will be stopped, and engineering controls reviewed,

if dust levels exceed regulatory action levels.

Noise-generating construction operations will be limited to between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

An off Site Transportation Plan for soil removal will be approved by the City of Torrance and Caltrans.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project, and will comply with all CEQA requirements.

Where You Can Find Information: A copy of the Draft RAW is available at the following three locations:

Torrance Southeast Branch Library
23115 S. Arlington Ave, Torrance, CA 90501
(310) 530-5044

DTSC file room at 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630. Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., contact Jone Barrio, phone: (714) 484-5337.

DTSC EnviroStor website:

http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=60001994

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