

# COMMUNITY Notice

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances through the restoration of contaminated resources, enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.

## Information Available for Public Comment on Site Closure of the Former Southern California Edison Highgrove Generating Station, Grand Terrace CA

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is proposing to make a No Further Action/Remedy Complete (Site Closure) determination for the Former Southern California Edison Highgrove Generating Station (HGS). DTSC regulates the generation, storage, treatment, and disposal of hazardous waste in California. Details of the regulated closure, submitted by Southern California Edison (Edison), are available for public review and comment. The Site Closure information includes the investigations conducted and assessment of contamination related to past operations on the property which ensures that the environmental systems currently in place continue to be effective in protecting human health and the environment.



*Former Southern California Edison Highgrove Generating Station located Between 215 Freeway and Grand Terrace High School*

### Public Comment Period



**October 18, 2013 through  
December 5, 2013**

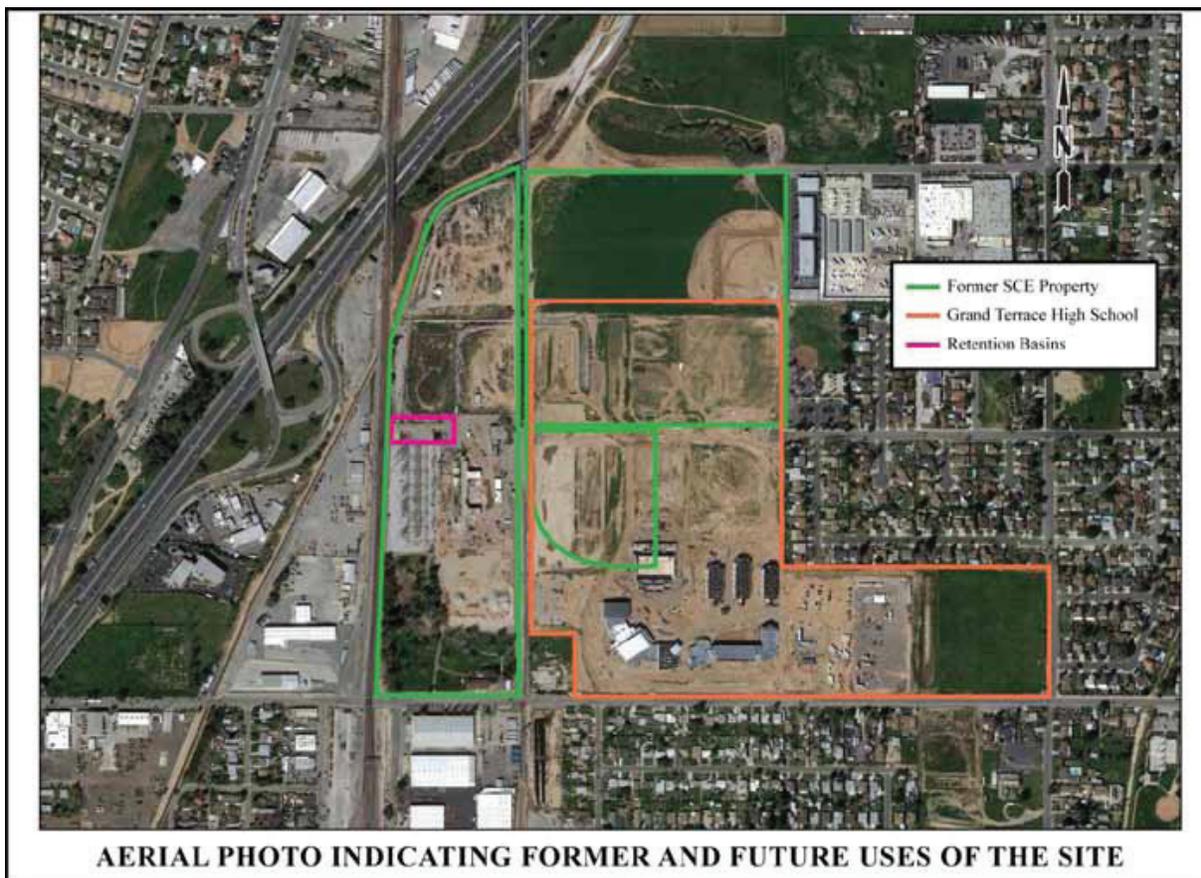
The public is invited to review and comment on the proposed Site Closure of the Former Southern California Edison Highgrove Generating Station. The proposed Site Closure project documents are available for public review at the locations listed on page 3. Please submit written comments postmarked by December 5, 2013; or by email before the deadline date no later than 5:00 p.m. to:

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(818) 717-6602  
or e-mail:

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A public meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2013, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, in the City of Grand Terrace Community Meeting Room, located at 22795 Barton Road.





### History and Operations at the Site

The former Southern California Edison Highgrove Generating Station (HGS) is located at 12700 Taylor Street, in Grand Terrace. The original parcel that Edison acquired as part of a 1964 merger with California Electric Power Company (CEPC) included not only the power plant, but also adjoining properties to the north and east, as shown in green on the above aerial photo. These adjoining properties have historically been used for agricultural purposes and a public park. The generating station was built in the early 1950s by CEPC and then operated by Edison following the merger. It was sold to Thermo Ecotek in 1998. Thermo Ecotek renamed it the Riverside Canal Power Company. Although Edison sold the plant, it retained responsibility for environmental liabilities associated with past facility operations and the adjoining properties. AES Corporation purchased the power plant from Thermo Ecotek in 2001. The adjoining properties were ultimately sold to the City of Grand Terrace.

### Environmental Investigations

Edison conducted a number of environmental investigations within the original property boundaries in compliance with DTSC’s environmental regulations.

These investigations included:

- 2006 Site Investigation Report for the Grand Terrace High School (shown in orange on aerial photo above) and agricultural parcels (shown in green, inside the area in orange,) to the east of HGS
- 2007 Closure Demonstration Report for the wastewater retention basins at HGS
- 2007 site investigation of the agricultural parcel to the northeast of HGS, and
- RCRA Facility Investigations at HGS, between 2008 and 2012.

The results of these investigations indicate there were no releases of hazardous substances that would adversely impact human health and the environment and that the former Edison site is acceptable for unrestricted use.



### California Environmental Quality Act

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project. The NOE states that the proposed closure will not have a significant negative effect on human health and the environment.

### How You Can Participate

DTSC encourages interested community members to review the documents and submit comments during the public comment period **which begins October 18, 2013 and ends December 5, 2013**. The documents are available at the repositories listed in this Community Notice below. The Administrative Record for this facility, including the facility's environmental compliance record is available at the repositories listed below. Written public comments on the proposed Site Closure must be post-marked or e-mailed no later than **December 5, 2013** and sent to: Steve Rounds, DTSC Project Manager, at 9211 Oakdale Avenue, Chatsworth, CA 91311 or by e-mail to: [steven.rounds@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:steven.rounds@dtsc.ca.gov).

### Next Steps

Before making a final decision, DTSC will consider and respond in writing to all public comments received during the public comment period. A copy of DTSC's Response to Comments document will be sent to all those who submit a public comment and provide their name, mailing or email address.

Once a final decision is made, DTSC will issue a No Further Action/Remedy Complete letter to Edison.

### Where to Find Project Documents

The site-related documents are available for public review at the information repositories listed here. The administrative record, including the draft CEQA/NOE is also available at the DTSC Office in Chatsworth.

Grand Terrace Library  
22795 Barton Road • Grand Terrace, CA 92313  
(909) 783-0147

#### Hours of Operation

Monday	11AM-7PM
Tuesday	11AM-7PM
Wednesday	11AM-7PM
Thursday	10AM-6PM
Friday	10AM-6PM
Saturday	9AM-5PM
Sunday	Closed

Department of Toxic Substances Control  
Regional Records Office  
9211 Oakdale Avenue  
Chatsworth, CA 91311  
Contact:  
Vivien Tutaan  
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for appointment

Copies of key technical reports, fact sheets and other site-related information are also available online at DTSC's website: [www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile\\_report.asp?global\\_id=80001332](http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=80001332).

All documents made available to the public by the DTSC can be made available in an alternate format (i.e. Braille, large print, etc.) or in another language as appropriate, in accordance with state and federal law. Please contact Zenzi Poindexter for assistance.

### DTSC Contacts for More Information

For more information about the proposed Site Closure, or to be added to the site mailing list please contact the following DTSC representatives:

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