



Department of  
Toxic Substances  
Control

*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.*



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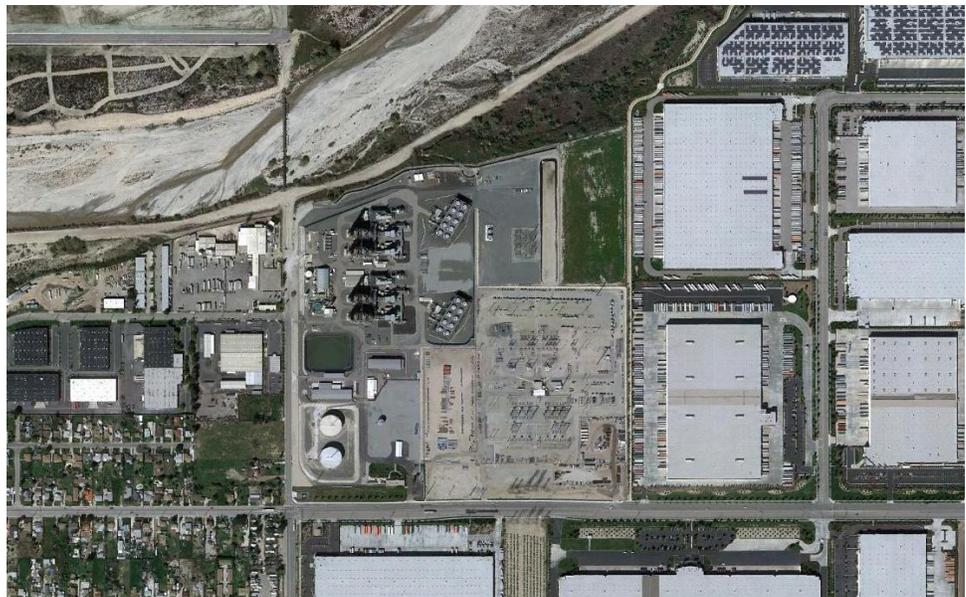


California  
Environmental  
Protection Agency

Fact Sheet, June 2012

## Information Available for Public Comment on Site Closure of Former Southern California Edison San Bernardino Generating Station, Redlands, CA

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is proposing to make a Remedy Complete/No Further Action determination for the Former Southern California Edison San Bernardino Generating Station (SBGS). 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 San Bernardino Generating Station Site and New Mountainview Generating Station*

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

**June 15, 2012 to July 31, 2012**

The public is invited to review and comment on the proposed Site Closure of the Former San Bernardino Generating Station. The proposed Site Closure project documents are available for public review at the locations listed on page 2. Please submit written comments postmarked by **July 31, 2012**; or by email before the deadline date no later than 5:00 p.m. to:

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A public meeting is not scheduled at this time, however, if you feel one is warranted, you may request a meeting by contacting Zenzi Poindexter. In your request, please indicate the reason(s) for the request and DTSC will evaluate if a meeting or hearing is warranted.



## History and Operations at the Site

The former Southern California Edison San Bernardino Generating Station is located at 2492 West San Bernardino Avenue, in Redlands. The generating station was built in the early 1950s by California Electric Power Company (CEPC) and then operated by Edison, following the merger of the two companies in 1964. It was sold to Thermo Ecotek in 1998, and the site renamed Mountainview Power Company. Although Edison sold the plant, it retained responsibility for environmental liabilities associated with past facility operations.

Construction of a new power plant on the SBGS property began in 2001. Construction continued off and on through 2005, during which there were several ownership changes at the site. Edison ultimately bought back the site and began operation of the Mountainview Generating Station in late 2005.

The original SBGS was demolished in 2010.

## Environmental Investigations and Cleanup

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

These investigations included:

- The 2006 Closure Demonstration Report (CDR) for the wastewater retention basin
- A Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Facility Investigation (RFI), conducted between 2009 and 2010.

The results of the CDR indicated there were no releases of hazardous substances from the wastewater retention basin that would adversely impact human health and the environment. The RFI found elevated heavy metals in soil around the SBGS cooling towers. The heavy metals impacted soil was removed and properly disposed. The former Edison site is now considered 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 no further action is required at the site and that it is considered acceptable for unrestricted use.

## How You Can Participate

DTSC encourages interested community members to review the documents and submit comments during the public comment period **which begins June 15, 2012 and ends July 31, 2012**. The documents are available at the repositories listed in this Fact Sheet below. The Administrative Record for this facility, including the facility's environmental compliance record is available at the DTSC office in Chatsworth. Written public comments on the proposed Site Closure must be post-marked or e-mailed no later than **July 31, 2012** and sent to: Steve Rounds, DTSC Project Manager, at 9211 Oakdale Avenue, Chatsworth CA 91311 or by e-mail to: [srounds@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:srounds@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 and mailing address.

Once a final decision is made, DTSC will issue a Site Closure and No Further Action 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/ Notice of Exemption is also available at the DTSC Office in Chatsworth.

A.K. Smiley Public Library  
125 West Vine Street  
Redlands, CA 92373  
Telephone: (909) 798-7565

Department of Toxic Substances Control  
Regional Records Office  
9211 Oakdale Avenue  
Chatsworth, CA 91311  
Contact: Vivien Tutaan (818) 717-6521

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](http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov).

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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### **For media related inquiries, please contact:**

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**Notice to the Hearing Impaired**  
Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users can obtain information about the site by using the California State Relay Service (888) 877-5378 to reach the Public Participation Specialist. Ask them to contact Zenzi Poindexter at (714) 484-5477 regarding the Southern California Edison San Bernardino Generating Station.

