

COMMUNITY UPDATE

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

Maywood "Fruitland Magnesium Fire":

The "Fruitland Magnesium Fire" in Maywood started at Panda International Trading located at 3570 Fruitland Avenue on Tuesday, June 14, and burned for two days. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is investigating the cause of the fire. The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is conducting soil sampling to assess hazardous substances in the aftermath of the fire.

Lead Agencies:

The incident is under a unified command authority that allows Incident Commanders to make joint decisions by establishing a single command structure. The Unified Command for the "Fruitland Magnesium Fire" is comprised of representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, and the Los Angeles County Fire Department Health Hazardous Materials Division (HHMD).

Panda International Trading Investigation:

Panda International Trading is a waste metal recycler that receives, handles, and stores cathode ray tubes and universal waste, such as old household appliances. In 2013, DTSC investigated the facility, which eventually led to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office filing criminal charges on April 28, 2016. The criminal investigation is ongoing and the owner, Da Xiong Pan, is due back in court on July 15, 2016.

For More Information:

Residents of Los Angeles County can call **211**.

Helpful Links:

The USEPA On Scene Coordinator page: https://www.epaosc.org/site/site_profile.aspx?site_id=11660

Fact Sheet (County OEM, City of Vernon, County Fire, County Public Health, US EPA):
<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/docs/IncidentUpdateMAYWOOD.pdf>

US EPA Region 9 News Release - 6/17/16: <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/us-epa-news-advisory-maywood-firefruitland-magnesium-fire-incident-response-update>

Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC): <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov>

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