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DTSC cleaning up toxic land pays big dividends for California DTSC Certifies Cleanup of Former Kaiser Steel Mill Facility

SACRAMENTO – As part of its commitment to converting toxic land into an economic driver for California’s economy, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has certified the completion of soil cleanup for the final 592 acres of land that once was the Kaiser Steel Mill in Fontana.

“The Kaiser property was literally an economic drain on the Inland Empire’s economy,” said Stewart Black, Acting Director of Brownfield and Environmental Restoration for DTSC. “This certification ensures the site is safe and can now provide further stimulus to the area’s growth.”

The mill shut down in 1983 laying off 8,800 highly paid workers, and leaving behind 1,500 acres of contaminated land. To date approximately 1,000 acres have been developed into [NASCAR’s Auto Club Speedway](#), and [California Steel Industries](#). The final section of property is being redeveloped by global real estate developer ProLogis for commercial use.

“Environmental responsibility is very important to ProLogis and it’s something we put at the forefront of all of our developments,” said Mike Enghard, the company’s senior vice-president of development. “The site has come a long way since we purchased it in 2000. We are very pleased to receive this certification.”

The certification that the final 592 acres is safe for development paves the way for more economic activity and jobs. ProLogis is building the [Kaiser Commerce Center](#) on this site. It has also been working with Southern California Edison to install acres of rooftop solar panels to feed power directly into the area power grid.

New development on the former Kaiser property has already helped California’s economy and tax base grow. Property values for the entire 1,500 acre site have reached a total of nearly \$2 billion and the site employs about 6,700 people, said Kathy Thomas, San Bernardino County Redevelopment Director.

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