

Public Notice

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated resources, enforcing hazardous waste laws, reducing hazardous waste generation, and encouraging the manufacture of chemically safer products.

Draft Removal Action Workplan Available for Review St. John's Riverway Site 522 Riverway Drive, Visalia, CA 93291

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites comments during the public comment period for the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the St. John's Riverway (Site) located at 522 Riverway Drive, Visalia, CA 93291. The public comment period will take place from July 15, 2016, to August 15, 2016.

The Site was residential in nature before operation of a small automotive wrecking yard. The Site is currently vacant. Several phases of Site investigation have been conducted that determined the presence of lead, arsenic and petroleum hydrocarbon as the Contaminants of Concern at the Site. Environmental Site Assessments and a Targeted Site Investigation have defined the area impacted to be approximately 0.6-acres and limited to fill materials placed on the Site. Analytical results of soil samples collected and analyzed indicated that soil is contaminated with Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPHs) and lead at concentrations that may be a risk to human health. Based on the soil sample results DTSC has developed a draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW). DTSC's recommended clean up alternative in the draft RAW proposes that most of the uncontaminated soil be left in place at the Site, and to minimize the amount of contaminated soil that will need to be trucked away to a landfill disposal site. The City of Visalia plans to use this Site as a city parkway, once the contamination is cleaned up.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project as required by the California Environmental Quality Act. The NOE document states that the proposed removal action will not have significant negative impacts on the environment. A public meeting for this project has not been scheduled, but one will be considered if requested. Please mail your comments or questions by August 15, 2016 to:

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You may also view Site documents on the DTSC website www.envirostor.ca.gov/public

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