



PUBLIC NOTICE OF DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN AND DRAFT NEGATIVE DECLARATION

**Former Aliso Street Manufactured Gas Plant Site, Sector E,
490 Bauchet Street
Los Angeles, California**

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: May 31, 2005 to June 30, 2005

We invite you to comment on a proposal to cleanup soil contamination at the Former Manufactured Gas Plant Aliso Street, Sector E 490 Bauchet Street, Los Angeles. The site is located in a commercial/industrial part of the downtown Los Angeles, and is currently occupied by an abandoned warehouse building. The site is bordered to the north by a parking lot and parking structure, to the east by the MTA parking lot, to the south by the MTA building and maintenance garage, and to the west by Bauchet Street and the Los Angeles County Jail. Southern California Gas Company is in the process of removing similar contamination in other parts of the Aliso Gas Plant sites, located south of this property. The site owner is the Southern California Gas Company.

Over the last 13 years the soil was sampled and tested. The compounds detected at the property include polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), total petroleum hydrocarbon (TPHs) gasoline, and diesel, petroleum-related volatile organic carbons (VOCs), dicyclopentadiene, solvents, and metals. The proposed cleanup plan, which calls for digging out and hauling away the contaminated soil to an offsite treatment facility, will make this area safe for future activities. Our agency, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), will oversee the cleanup to help ensure the surrounding public is protected.

The draft cleanup plan is described in a document titled, "Draft Removal Action Workplan for the Former Aliso Street Manufactured Gas Plant, Sector E, 490 Bauchet Street ." The cleanup, if approved as written, is expected to start in the summer of 2005 using a maximum of 50 trucks per day.

Our agency did a study to see if the cleanup activities would have a negative impact on (harm) the environment. This study is required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Based upon our information, the cleanup activities are not expected to harm public health or the environment.

We encourage you to review and comment on both the draft cleanup plan and the Negative Declaration during the 30-day comment period of May 31, 2005 to June 30, 2005. Please send written comments, emailed or postmarked by June 30, 2005, to Chand Sultana, DTSC Project Manager, 1011 North Grandview Avenue, Glendale, California 91201. Email: csultana@dtsc.ca.gov .

Copies of the proposed cleanup plan (Draft Removal Action Workplan), draft Negative Declaration and Special Initial Study and other reports are available at the Lincoln Heights Public Library, 2530 Workman Street, Los Angeles, (323) 226-1692. They are also at our agency's office at the Glendale address shown above. Please contact DTSC's representative, Ms. Jone Barrio, at (818) 551-2952, to make an appointment. If you have questions about the project, please contact

Leticia Hernandez, Public Participation Specialist, at (714) 484-5488 (Email: lhernand@dtsc.ca.gov) or Chand Sultana, Project Manager, at (818) 551-2193 (Email: csultana@dtsc.ca.gov).

NOTICE TO THE HEARING IMPAIRED:

TDD users can obtain additional information by using the California Relay Service (1-888-877-5378) to reach Leticia Hernandez at (714) 484-5488.