



Former Beaumont Manufactured Gas Plant
Beaumont, California

Please Comment On Plan To Clean Up Chemicals In Soil at Former Beaumont Gas Plant

We invite you to review and comment on a plan to clean up chemicals in the soil at the former Beaumont Manufactured Gas Plant in Beaumont, California. This half-acre site is at 296 California Avenue. The proposal is to dig out and dispose of soil that has chemicals left over from the former gas plant operations. Our agency is the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). Our role is to oversee the cleanup to protect human health and the environment.

The cleanup plan is described in a document titled "Draft Site Investigation Report and Removal Action Work Plan (RAW)." The goal is to clean up the site to conditions that protect the health of the nearby community, on-site commercial workers, and potential future residents. Our agency reviewed this plan to see if the cleanup activities, such as the digging, hauling, etc., would have a negative effect on (harm) the environment. This study is required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). We found that the cleanup activities would **not** have a negative effect. Our findings are in a document titled "Initial Study and Draft Negative Declaration."

Both documents are available for public review and comment from January 3, 2003 through February 3, 2003. At the end of this notice we will tell you where to find them and how to send comments.

The site was used to manufacture gas from oil from 1910 to 1927. A recent investigation showed that there is lampblack in the soil down to 17 feet. Lampblack is a fine, black, powdery material that is a by-product of the gas manufacturing process. Chemicals in lampblack can cause health problems if people are in direct contact with them over a long time.

The cleanup, if approved, is expected to occur from February 2003 through April 2003. Following the cleanup, the site will be suitable for other uses.

A copy of the draft RAW, draft Negative Declaration, and other documents about the site are at the Beaumont Public Library at 125 E. 8th Street in Beaumont, (909) 845-1357. We also have them at our office at 5796 Corporate Avenue in Cypress, California. Please call Ms. Julie Johnson at (714) 484-5337 for an appointment to view them there. For more information about our agency, please visit our website at www.dtsc.ca.gov.

We encourage you to read and comment on both the cleanup plan and the draft Negative Declaration. Please send your comments, postmarked or emailed by February 3, 2003, to Ms. Teresa Hom, Project Manager, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630. Email: thom@dtsc.ca.gov.

If you have any questions about the cleanup project, please contact Ms. Teresa Hom at (714) 484-5477, or by email at the address shown above. If you have questions about community outreach, please contact Ms. Stacey Lear, Public Participation Specialist, at (714) 484-5354, email slear@dtsc.ca.gov. For media inquiries, please contact Ms. Jeanne Garcia, Public Information Officer, at (818) 551-2176. *Si usted desea que esta información sea comunicada en el español, por favor Sra. de contacto Leticia Hernandez, Especialista Público de Participación en (714) 484-5488.*

Information for the Hearing Impaired: TDD users can obtain additional information by using the California Relay Service at (1-888-877-5378) to reach DTSC Project Manager, Teresa Hom at (714) 484-5477.