

COMMUNITY UPDATE

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.

Proposed Removal Action Work Plan and CEQA Notice of Exemption for the Former Fredrick Ramond Facility - Available for Public Review

Para información en español por favor comuníquese con Elsa Lopez al número (818) 717 6571.

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is proposing a Removal Action Work Plan (RAW) for the treatment and control of chemical contamination resulting from historic operations at the Former Fredrick Ramond Facility (Site), located at 16121 Carmenita Road, Cerritos, California 90703.

Why Cleanup is Necessary: The Site has been investigated and evaluated, and a Human Health Risk Assessment undertaken. The RAW proposed a remedy that included soil excavation and off-site disposal, groundwater treatment, and a land use covenant. The main chemicals of concern include tetrachloroethene (PCE), 1,1,1-trichloroethane (TCA), and 1,4-dioxane. It is estimated that 10 truckloads of contaminated soil will be removed from the Site.

There is no immediate health risk, because the public is not exposed to any chemical contamination. DTSC will oversee the proposed cleanup in a manner that protects public health and the environment. Dust control and monitoring will be undertaken during excavation and soil trucking activities.

Proposed cleanup activities will be completed as follows:

Soil Excavation:

- Excavate soil and place into containers for characterization;
- Obtain confirmation soil samples from excavation pit to document any remaining chemical concentrations;
- Backfill and compact excavated holes with clean soil; and
- Remove contaminated soil for off-site disposal in a licensed landfill.

Groundwater Treatment Stage 1:

- Set up at selected injection locations;
- Inject emulsified vegetable oil (EVO) to treat chemical contamination;
- Conduct groundwater monitoring during cleanup process; and
- Abandon injection well(s) by backfilling with bentonite grout.

Groundwater Treatment Stage 2:

- If necessary, use air sparging to create aerobic conditions favorable to the degradation of 1,4-dioxane.

Public Comment



**30-day Public Comment
Period: July 18 through
August 16, 2016**

DTSC encourages you to review and comment on the draft RAW, CEQA and other project related document at the locations listed on page 2.

DTSC will make a final decision after all public comments have been reviewed. Please submit written comments postmarked, faxed, or emailed by August 16, 2016 to:

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A public meeting is not legally required for this project, and due to low public interest, a meeting will not be undertaken during the public comment period.



Land Use Covenant (LUC):

- Restrict future land uses to industrial and commercial use only; and
- Prohibit use of Site groundwater for drinking purposes.

Site History and Location: The project Site encompasses approximately 4.7 acres and has been developed with a single-story 105,000 square foot concrete warehouse building and associated parking lots. The site resides within a large industrial complex that is southwest of Interstate 5, bordered by Carmenita Road to the east, by Manning Way to the west, and by other commercial warehouses to the north and south. The entire site is paved, except for a few minor areas of landscaping along Carmenita Road and Manning Way.

Fredrick Ramond, Inc. was a former lighting fixture manufacturer who previously occupied the building from approximately 1969 to 2008. The current owner of the Site is Mead Carmenita Investment Co., LLC who leases the western two thirds of the Site to Safety Zone, LLC, who use it for storage and shipping of various personal protective safety supplies.

Transportation and Management of

Contaminated Soil: It is estimated that approximately 76.5 cubic yards of contaminated soil will be excavated from within the warehouse and placed into containers for characterization and off-site disposal at a licensed landfill. Once the soil has been characterized, trucks will follow a transportation plan as outlined in the Draft RAW. Approximately 10 soil transportation containers will fully contain the soil preventing any issues associated with dust.

California Environmental Quality Act: In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC has prepared a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Notice of Exemption states that the proposed project activities will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Next Steps: At the close of the public comment period, DTSC will review and consider all public comments and make any necessary revisions to the draft RAW prior to final approval. Also, a Response to Comments document will be mailed to everyone who makes a comment and provides their name and address. The implementation of the RAW is expected to begin in the fourth quarter of 2016.

Where you can Find Project Documents: Public information repositories holding project documents can be found at the following locations:

Cerritos Public Library

Contact: Annie Hylton, Director of the Library
18025 Bloomfield Ave
Cerritos, CA 90703
(562) 916-1350

In addition, the same documents are also available at the following location:

The DTSC file room located at 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630. Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., contact Jone Barrio at (714) 484-5337.

DTSC's EnviroStor Online Community Involvement Website:

http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=60000918

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