

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and the environment from harmful effects of toxic substances through the restoration of contaminated resources, enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.

## General Dynamics NASSCO Building 6 Sump, 2798 Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92113

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites the public to review and comment on a proposed cleanup plan for the Building 6 Sump Area (Site) at the General Dynamics National Steel and Shipbuilding Company (NASSCO) facility. The proposed cleanup plan, called a draft Corrective Measures Proposal (CMP), describes the site environmental sampling activities, the results, and the cleanup activities proposed for the site.

DTSC is the state agency that regulates the generation, storage, treatment and disposal of hazardous waste in California, and will oversee the cleanup at the facility.

### WHY IS CLEANUP NECESSARY?

DTSC has determined there are chemicals present in soil and groundwater at the facility that are above DTSC's protective standards. Therefore, DTSC requires a Corrective Measures Proposal be developed and implemented to ensure long-term public health of future occupants. DTSC will oversee the proposed cleanup activities and ensure that they are performed in a manner that does not harm people or the environment. **There is no immediate risk to the surrounding community because there are no exposures from site contaminants.**

### SITE HISTORY & INVESTIGATIONS

The NASSCO Shipyard is located on San Diego Port Tidelands, in an area designated for industrial use only. The NASSCO shipyard occupies 80 acres of land and 46 acres of water and has numerous buildings and structures used for shipbuilding, ship repair, and related support activities. NASSCO has been designing, building and repairing ships at this site since 1960. The Corrective Measures Proposal addresses the volatile organic compound (VOC) impacted areas immediately adjacent to Building 6. The area of contamination is approximately 210 square feet.

Building 6 is a garage-like structure within the shipyard that was previously used as an electrical/machine shop. In 1989, solvent-type odors were identified near a small sump that adjoined Building 6. Soil samples collected from the sump indicated the presence of VOCs, primarily

### 30 Day Public Comment Period



August 20, 2015 to  
September 21, 2015

DTSC encourages you to review, and comment on the draft Corrective Measures Proposal

Please submit comments by September 21, 2015 to:

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VOCs and petroleum hydrocarbons. The sump was then closed and the area around the sump monitored. Based on careful analysis of the monitoring data, a draft Corrective Measures Proposal was developed that proposes a permanent solution that is protective of human health and the environment.

NASSCO's current lease with the San Diego Port District extends through 2040 and requires the property to be used only for shipbuilding, repair, and affiliated marine-related industrial uses.

### PROPOSED CLEANUP ACTIVITIES

The draft Corrective Measures Proposal recommends the following:

- Approximately 60 cubic yards of soil will be excavated from the area around Building 6
- Excavated soil will be transported to a permitted disposal facility using a properly licensed transporter
- The excavation will be backfilled using clean soil and then re-paved
- Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA) of the groundwater will continue to be performed for two years after the excavation is complete
- During the same two-year post-excavation period, sub-slab and soil vapor monitoring will also be performed, with the results used to determine risk level
- If the monitoring indicates that the groundwater is not creating a risk at the surface and the site meets cleanup goals, then the site will be closed
- If the monitoring indicates that the groundwater is creating a risk at the surface, or if cleanup goals are not met, additional groundwater alternatives will be evaluated

### SAFETY MEASURES

All work will be performed in accordance with a site-specific health and safety plan developed to protect on-site workers and the general public, including the following measures:

- Access to the excavation area will be limited to individuals with a valid purpose for access who have received the required safety training
- Barriers or caution tape will be used to exclude shipyard workers and visitors from the excavation area
- The minimum required personal protective

- Noise-generating activities will be limited to between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday
- Brushing Truck tires while entering and exiting to remove soil and debris
- Air monitoring to keep dust at safe levels

### CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project. The NOE states that the proposed corrective action will not have a significant negative impact on human health and the environment due to the small volume of soil being removed, the limited excavation area, and the short duration of the removal.

### NEXT STEPS

DTSC encourages you to review the draft Corrective Measures Study. **DTSC will not make a final decision until all public comments have been reviewed and considered.** DTSC will then issue a Response to Comments, which will be available to the public at the locations listed below.

### WHERE TO FIND PROJECT DOCUMENTS

A copy of the draft Corrective Measures Proposal, CEQA NOE, and other documents for this project are available at the following:

#### Logan Heights Branch Library

567 South 28<sup>th</sup> Street San Diego, CA 92113  
(619) 533-3968

#### Department of Toxic Substances Control

5796 Corporate Avenue  
Cypress, CA 90630-4732 (714) 484-5300  
Monday to Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Documents are **available online** at the DTSC EnviroStor database:

[https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile\\_report.asp?global\\_id=71002266](https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=71002266)

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