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## **Collect soil and groundwater samples to select the cleanup plan for the Former Hard Chrome Facility**



*In the photo our agency is investigating the contaminated soil. In the background is the Los Angeles Academy Middle School.*

We want to let you know that the investigation of the former Hard Chrome Products site is complete. We will soon be collecting additional soil and groundwater samples to determine what the best option for cleanup is. Chemicals from the former metal plating shop have leaked into the soil and groundwater. The site is about 1/4 of an acre and is located at 617 East 56th in Los Angeles.

The site is in a mixed commercial, residential, and industrial area. There are single family homes to the east and north, and an apartment building, automotive repair shop, and dye shop to the west. To the north is a metal fabricating business and single family homes. Directly to the south is the Los Angeles Academy.

Our agency is the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). Our mission is to protect human health and the environment. We are conducting the testing and cleanup of the site to make sure that it is done safely and protects public health.

We are looking at new treatment technologies that can be set up directly into the soil and groundwater so that there is the least possible disturbance to the site and surrounding residents.

Once a treatment is selected for the site a Remedial Action Plan (RAP) will be developed. The RAP will tell you exactly how the cleanup of the site will take place. After the RAP is developed you will have an opportunity to review, comment and ask questions before site cleanup begins.

We also want you to know that we are working on obtaining more money so that once the RAP is developed it can be put into place soon after is approved. Please use the attached comment form and mailing coupon on how best we can keep you informed as progress occurs at the site. We value your input. Our intention is to return this property back into productive use for the community.

## Chemicals found at the site include chromium and solvents

We tested the soil and groundwater at the site. The tests showed that metal called chromium and a cleaning solvent called TCE (trichloroethylene) are in the soil and/or groundwater. Both of these can cause health problems, including cancer, if people are exposed to high levels of them. Although the levels of contaminants are high in the soil there is no exposure as it is covered with asphalt.

## The site is paved and fenced off and is not a current health risk

The site was a former metal plating shop from 1943 to 1991. The buildings were burned in 1991 and destroyed in 1994. Some areas were graded and filled with clean soil. The site was then paved with asphalt and closed off with chain-link fencing and locking gates.

Because the soil is covered, the site is not a current risk to human health. The groundwater is not used for drinking. However, we want to clean up the soil so that no more of it will get into the groundwater.

## Whom to contact at DTSC

Please use the attached comment form and mailing coupon on how best DTSC can keep you informed as progress occurs at the site.

If you have questions regarding the cleanup, please call or email either of these people:

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