

Public Notice

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 Land Use Covenant Decision for Former Impression Polishing & Plating Facility, Orange

Available for Public Review and Comment

Public Comment Period: August 31st, 2016 – September 29th, 2016

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED? - The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites your comments on the decision to place a Land Use Covenant (LUC) at the former Impression Polishing and Plating Facility (Site) located at 1233 North Batavia Street in the City of Orange. The LUC, if approved, would restrict future use of the Site to commercial or industrial use.

The Facility currently operates as Premier Auto Center that includes an auto repair garage, body shop and auto spray painting. The Facility consists of approximate 39,000 square foot lot developed with a single-story, 14,000 square foot commercial/industrial building with associated asphalt-paved and concrete covered parking and storage areas. The former plating operations at the site released volatile organic compounds (VOCs), including chloroform and tetrachloroethylene (PCE) in soil vapor and metals in soil beneath the Site at levels not suitable for unrestricted land uses. DTSC is the lead regulatory agency for the investigation and remediation of a release or threatened release of any hazardous substances at or from the site.

SITE BACKGROUND - In May 2013, the Facility owner entered into a voluntary cleanup agreement with DTSC to oversee an environmental investigation at the Site. During the environmental investigations conducted in July 2015, VOCs were found at levels that are not suitable for residential use unless it is cleaned up to residential (or unrestricted) land use. It is believed that the source of the VOC releases is associated with former printing activities (from the 1960s to 1984) and metal plating operations (1984 to 2007) that were conducted at the Site by previous site owners. The Site in its present condition does not pose a risk to human health or the environment because there is a concrete cap (barrier) that prevents exposure to the contaminants. The LUC will: 1) prohibit use of the Site for residential and other unrestricted land uses, 2) prohibit interference with the asphalt and concrete cap at the Site, and 3) require operation and maintenance activities, including cap inspection and monitoring and, if necessary, abatement activities. If use of the Site changes, further action, including further investigation and/or cleanup activities may be required.

NOTICE TO HEARING IMPAIRED: TTY users may use the California Relay Service @ 711 or 1-800-855-7100. You may also contact the Public Participation Specialist listed at the end of this update.



California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): In compliance with CEQA, DTSC has determined that the proposed LUC is exempt from CEQA, and a Notice of Exemption (NOE) has been prepared for this project. The NOE states that this project does not have a significant effect on human health or the environment.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE – PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - This notice provides the public an opportunity to learn more about the Facility and submit public comments on the decision proposing the LUC. The 30-day public comment period **begins August 31st, 2016 and ends September 29th, 2016.** Public comments must be postmarked or e-mailed no later than **September 29th, 2016,** and sent to: Joseph Cully, DTSC Project Manager, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630-4732, e-mail: Joseph.Cully@dtsc.ca.gov.

WHERE TO FIND SITE DOCUMENTS

A copy of the LUC, NOE and other project documents are available for public review electronically at www.EnviroStor.dtsc.ca.gov, or at the Information Repositories listed below:

Charles P. Taft Branch Library
740 East Taft Avenue
Orange, CA 92865
(714) 288-2430 Call for hours

Department of Toxic Substances Control
Regional Records Office
5796 Corporate Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630-4732
(714) 484-5336 Call for an appointment

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

If you have questions on the decision to place a LUC on the site, or other project related questions, please contact: Joseph Cully, DTSC Project Manager, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630-4732, e-mail: Joseph.Cully@dtsc.ca.gov or at (714) 484-5473, or Stacey Lear, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630-4732, e-mail: Stacey.Lear@dtsc.ca.gov, or at (714) 484-5354. For media inquiries, contact Sandy Nax, DTSC Public Information Officer at (916) 327-6114. For more information about DTSC please visit our website at: www.dtsc.ca.gov.

NOTE: DTSC is sending this 2nd Public Notice as the previous Public Notice was not published in the Newspaper on August 24, as planned. The 30-days public comment period has changed to start on August 31st, 2016 and end on September 29th, 2016.

