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NOTICE OF DRAFT REMEDIAL ACTION PLANS AND 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD J&S CHROME PLATING COMPANY AND FORMER CHROME CRANKSHAFT COMPANY SITE 6863 AND 6845 EAST FLORENCE PLACE, BELL GARDENS, CA

What Is Being Proposed?

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on two draft soil cleanup plans for the J&S Chrome Plating Company (J&S) and the former Chrome Crankshaft Company (CCC) sites located at 6863 and 6845 East Florence Place in Bell Gardens. Each separate cleanup plan, called a draft Remedial Action Plan (RAP) details proposed cleanup activities planned for each site. DTSC prepared a draft Initial Study and determined the proposed remedial action activities will not have an adverse environmental impact. Therefore, a Negative Declaration is proposed.

J&S was constructed in 1953 and consisted of a one-story building where electroplating of chrome, zinc, and cadmium was conducted. Metal plating and cleaning operations involving uses of various acids and alkalines were conducted. The site was divided into a North and a South Parcel. In April 1991, chrome plating activities ceased and the site has been vacant since that time. In 1992, the former facility building that housed the plating operations was demolished. No plating operations were conducted on the North Parcel which remains undeveloped land. At CCC, chrome plating operations began in 1963. In January 1999, CCC stopped plating activities and removed chrome plating equipment. Thereafter, CCC changed its name to Locomotive Air Services, Inc., and used the building for a short time to refurbish locomotive air conditioning units. These operations did not involve chrome plating or the use of hazardous materials. In 2001, these operations ceased. In January 1994, the building was demolished and paved with asphalt. A 6-foot high chain link fence encloses each property. Soil and groundwater contamination is present at both sites that occurred from past chrome plating operations. The draft RAPs propose excavation and removal of contaminated soil. Groundwater contamination at both sites will be addressed in a future cleanup plan.

Why This Notice and Where To Find More Detailed Information

This notice is to provide the public an opportunity to learn more about the project and tell us what you think about the draft RAPs and Initial Study/Negative Declaration for the sites. The draft RAPs, Initial Study/Negative Declaration and other related project documents are available for public review at the DTSC office in Cypress or at the following Information Repositories:

Bell Gardens Library
7110 Garfield Avenue
Bell Gardens, CA 90201-3244
(562) 927-1309

Commerce Central Library
2535 Commerce Way
Commerce, CA 90040-1410
(323) 722-4805

How Do I Participate and Who to Contact For More Information?

You are invited to comment on the draft RAPs and/or Initial Study/Negative Declaration during the 30-day public comment period beginning **March 6, 2008 and ending April 4, 2008**. **All public comments must be postmarked or e-mailed by April 4, 2008**, and sent to Mr. Wael Ibrahim, Department of Toxic Substances Control, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA, 90630, e-mail: wibrahim@dtsc.ca.gov. You are also invited to DTSC's community meeting on Thursday, March 27, 2008, 6:00pm, at Ross Hall, 6662 Loveland Street, Bell Gardens, 90201, to learn more about the project. For questions about the project contact Mr. Ibrahim at (714) 484-5472 or Ms. Stacey Lear, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (714) 484-5354 or toll free 1-888-877-5378. Notice to Hearing Impaired: You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 (TDD). Ask them to contact Ms. Stacey Lear at the number above regarding either site.