

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 DRAFT SITE WIDE GROUNDWATER REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN, FORMER KAISER STEEL MILL, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA

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

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on a draft Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for the Former Kaiser Steel Mill (Site), located at 9400 Cherry Avenue, Fontana, California 92335.

What is being proposed? The RAP has been prepared for the Site-wide groundwater, as required under the 2000 Consent Order (Order) between DTSC and CCG Ontario LLC (CCG Ontario). Site-wide groundwater at depths up to 400 feet has been designated as Operable Unit No. 5. (OU- 5). We invite you to review and comment on the draft RAP. Once all public comment has been received and evaluated, DTSC intends to make a final determination on the OU-5 Site-wide groundwater RAP.



Facility Boundary Map of the Former Kaiser Steel Mill Facility Boundary and the Site Subject to the CCG Ontario Consent Order (The Site is represented by the areas outlined by blue dashed lines).

Site-wide Groundwater Remedial Investigation: The Site-wide groundwater remedial investigation required by the Order was completed, and served as the basis for development of the OU-5 Site-wide groundwater RAP. The draft RAP documents the respective investigations and results, risk assessments, and analyses and evaluations of remedial alternatives. Three options were considered as follows:

- Alternative 1: No Action
- Alternative 2: Groundwater Monitoring with Land Use Covenant (LUC)
- Alternative 3: Groundwater Pump and Treat

Alternative 2 was selected as the preferred remedy for the OU-5 Site-wide groundwater remediation. Under this alternative, groundwater monitoring will be

Public Comment Period



July 18 through August 17, 2016

DTSC encourages you to review and comment on the draft RAP. The RAP, CEQA and other project documents are available for review at the locations listed on page 2.

DTSC will provide a final approval decision after all public comments have been reviewed. Please submit written comments postmarked, or emailed by August 17, 2016 to:

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A public meeting is scheduled for 6.00 p.m. on July 27, 2016 at the Center Stage Theater, 8463 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, CA 92355

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terminated after 30 years if approved by DTSC, or will continue until an alternative proposal is approved. Contamination concentration trends will continue to be evaluated, and a LUC will restrict the use of groundwater. No additional cleanup actions will be performed to reduce the toxicity, mobility, or volume of contaminants in groundwater. Site conditions and chemical contaminants will stay the same. However, reductions in toxicity, mobility and volume should occur due to the process of natural attenuation (natural breakdown of chemicals over time), which will be monitored. Risk to human health would be reduced since the LUC will restrict groundwater use. The LUC would be recorded with the County of San Bernardino Assessor's Office. The LUC would be binding on current and future property owners, and remain in effect until it is removed or modified.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for Site-wide Groundwater (OU-5): There are no physical activities associated with implementation of the proposed RAP, other than ongoing Site-wide groundwater monitoring. DTSC has evaluated the possible environmental impacts of the proposed project in accordance with CEQA, and has not found any significant effect on public health and the environment. DTSC proposes to issue a Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project.

Site History: The former Kaiser Steel Mill Facility was used for the production of steel products by the Kaiser Steel Corporation from 1942 to 1983. In August 1988, DTSC entered into a Consent Order for investigation and remediation with the previous owner, Kaiser Ventures Inc. In 1995, a 550 acre portion of the facility was investigated and remediated during the construction of the California Speedway (now known as Auto Club Speedway). Another portion of the facility (approx. 450 acres) is owned and operated by California Steel Industries. A third portion of the facility (592 acres) was purchased by CCG Ontario in 2000.

Investigation and Remediation: Property purchased by CCG Ontario was divided into ten sub-areas for which the 2000 Consent Order required investigation and/or remediation activities to be conducted. In 2012, DTSC determined that, (1) the investigatory and remedial tasks required under the 2000 Consent Order for the Site were completed; (2) the approved remedies are operating properly and successfully; (3) CCG has complied with all of the terms of Section 6.23 of the Consent Order. And, DTSC also determined that,

excluding on-going groundwater investigation, and any required remediation of groundwater, on-going operation and maintenance obligations and Land Use Covenants, the property purchased by CCG was no longer considered by DTSC to be within the RCRA facility boundary of the Former Kaiser Steel Mill.

Next Steps: At the close of the public comment period, DTSC will review and consider all public comments prior to final RAP approval. A Response to Comments document will be mailed to anyone who makes a comment and provides name and address.

Where you can find information: A copy of the draft RAP and CEQA documents are available at the following location:

Fontana Lewis Library & Technology Center
8437 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California 92335-3892
Phone: (909) 574-4500

Same documents are also available at:

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

You can also visit the DTSC EnviroStor online website at:

https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=60001356

Who to contact for more information: For more information about the draft RAP, please contact the following DTSC representatives:

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