

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.

Preliminary Endangerment Assessment Results Merrit Two Site

655 Third Street, Oakland, CA 94607

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announces the results of a Preliminary Endangerment Assessment (PEA) report for the Merrit Two Site, located at 655 3rd, Oakland, California 94607. A PEA determines whether hazardous substances which may exist at the Site are a threat to public health or the environment.

The 1.38 acre Site was previously developed with residential dwellings as early as 1889. Additional development with a commercial lumber mill occurred by 1902. By the 1950s the site was occupied by a commercial bottle washing and storage facility, a salvage warehouse, a flour company, and a cutlery manufacturing shop. By the 1970s up until 1987 the site was used by Waste Management, Inc. as a garbage truck storage facility. Since 1995 the site was developed and operated as a commercial private storage facility. Currently, the Site is operated by SafKeep Self Storage.

Investigations at the site have identified elevated concentrations of lead and polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in shallow soil. The current development as a self storage facility with concrete and asphalt ground surfaces prevents human contact with the contaminated soils and minimizes surface water infiltration. The environmental concerns are considered minor and can be mitigated through a proposed Land Use Covenant, so that they are not a threat to human health or the environment.

This determination is considered final 30 days after the date of this notice, March 1, 2016.

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WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION? A copy of the PEA Report is available at: Department of Toxic Substance Control, 700 Heinz Avenue Berkeley, California 94710
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Documents are also available online at the DTSC EnviroStor website, www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public.

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