

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.

Public Comment Open on Proposed Response Plan for the Mobil Gasoline Station Site, Pacific Palisades

Public comment is open on the proposed plan (draft Response Plan) to clean up contaminated groundwater at the Pacific Palisades Village Mobil Gasoline Station (Site). The Site is at the corner of Sunset Boulevard and Swarthmore Avenue in Pacific Palisades. The draft Response Plan gives a summary of environmental investigation and the recommended remedy. The groundwater has petroleum fuel hydrocarbons, primarily benzene in it and they need to be removed. There is **no** immediate health risk because the Site is fully developed and paved. No one is exposed to the contaminated groundwater.

DTSC is a department within the California Environmental Protection Agency. DTSC is responsible for overseeing environmental investigations and cleanups at sites like the Pacific Palisades Village Mobil Gasoline Station Site. This fact sheet provides information on:

- Why Cleanup is Necessary
- Site Location & History
- Environmental Investigation Conducted
- Proposed Cleanup Plan – draft Response Plan
- Safety Measures
- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- How You Can Participate
- Where to Find Site Documents
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- Next Steps

Public Comment Period



**April 4th – May
6th, 2016**

A 30-day public comment period is being held on the RAP. **All comments must be postmarked or emailed by May 6, 2016 and sent to:**

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The Proposed Plan and other project related documents are available for review electronically at www.EnviroStor.dtsc.ca.gov, and at the Information Repositories listed on page 3 inside this Fact Sheet.



Why Cleanup Is Necessary

Contaminants in groundwater at the Site that are above regulatory and screening levels. Thus, DTSC requires cleanup to ensure long term human and ecological health. DTSC will oversee the cleanup and ensure work is performed in a manner safe for people and the environment.

Site History

The Site is about 0.37-acres and has a Mobil-branded service station and convenience store on it. There are three fuel dispenser islands and a convenience store. There are five underground gasoline storage tanks (USTs). The Site has been used as a retail gasoline station since at least 1935. Auto repair and maintenance activities were done at the Site from roughly between 1946 and 1989. This was before construction of the existing gasoline station and convenience store. According to historical records, the Site was vacant land from at least 1903 to at least 1928. A restaurant operated on the southwestern part of the Site from 1957 to 1985 as well.

Environmental Investigations and Remediation

In 2014, environmental investigations at the Site began as required during consideration of real estate purchases for redevelopment. Environmental investigations revealed a historic release of petroleum fuel hydrocarbons. These were most likely from leaking underground storage tanks and associated dispensing equipment during upgrading of equipment in 1989. Elevated levels of several constituents of petroleum and gasoline additives are present in soil, soil vapor, and groundwater beneath the Site.

Demolition of the structures and removal of the USTs, soil excavation, removal, transportation and off-site disposal of any contaminated soil will be done under the oversight of the Los Angeles City Fire Department.

Proposed Cleanup Plan

The Response Plan proposes to apply injections of an oxidation reagent to the groundwater. The remedy complies with the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board Water Discharge Requirements Permit (WDR). Monitoring of the groundwater well network will be done for a minimum of two years on a quarterly basis.

Confirmation sampling will be done to soil, soil vapor, and groundwater to ensure cleanup goals have been met.

Safety Measures

To protect the surrounding community and onsite workers during field activities, the following safety measures will be taken:

- During excavation activities, soil will be sprayed with water for dust suppression;
- Air monitoring will be done to ensure dust remains at safe levels; and
- A traffic-monitoring plan will be implemented to minimize traffic congestion in the immediate neighborhood.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

The cleanup at the Site is a step in the Pacific Palisades redevelopment project. The City of Los Angeles (City) is the lead agency for the redevelopment project. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), requires proposed activities to be analyzed for environmental impact.

The City prepared an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for this project and cleanup activities included. The MND concludes the proposed cleanup will not have significant negative impact on the environment.

How You Can Participate

We want to know what you think of the Response Plan. **The 30-day public comment period starts April 4th and ends May 6, 2016. All public comments must be postmarked or e-mailed by May 6, 2016, and sent to:**

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Next Steps

DTSC will evaluate and respond to all public comments received on the draft Response Plan before approval. If approved, the Response Plan activities are anticipated to begin by the end of 2016, and take about 24 months to complete.



Where to Find Site Documents

Copies of the draft Response Plan, City of Los Angeles Draft MND, and related project documents are available for public review at the following Information Repositories:

Palisades Branch Library

861 Alma Real Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90272-3730
(310) 459-2754
Monday & Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday: 12:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: Closed

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Regional Records Office
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Contact Vivien Tutaan to schedule an appointment
(818) 717-6521
Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information about the Pacific Palisades Mobil Gasoline Station Site, visit www.EnviroStor.dtsc.ca.gov. For more information about our department, please visit our website at www.dtsc.ca.gov.

All documents made available to the public by DTSC can be made available in an alternate format (e.g. Braille, large print, etc.) or in another language as appropriate, and in accordance with state and federal laws. Please contact Marcia Rubin for assistance.

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