



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Palace Dry Cleaners
Valencia, California



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: May 21, 2012 through June 21, 2012

COMMUNITY MEETING: June 6, 2012

What is being proposed? - The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on a draft Interim Remedial Measures Plan (IRMP) to cleanup contamination beneath the Palace Dry Cleaners Site (Site) located at 23357 Lyons Avenue in Valencia, California. The objective of the IRMP is to initially target the area of highest contamination along the Northern property boundary and to reduce off-site migration to the North. Additional cleanup technologies and treatment areas will be considered in selection of a final remedy.

The Palace Dry Cleaners Site (Site) measures approximately 1.2-acres and is located in a mixed residential and commercial retail area within the Old Orchard Shopping Center in Valencia, California. The Site has operated as a retail dry cleaning facility since 1967. Until several years ago, the dry cleaning facility used chlorinated solvents, particularly tetrachloroethene (PCE) as a fabric cleaning solvent. Currently, hydrocarbon-based, dry cleaning chemicals are used at the Site.

Environmental investigations revealed the presence of tetrachloroethene (PCE) and trichloroethene (TCE). The draft IRMP proposes Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE) as the proposed approach to clean up the PCE and TCE detected in soil and soil gas beneath the site. SVE is a proven technology for treating volatile contamination.

California Environmental Quality Act (Notice of Exemption) - DTSC conducted a study to evaluate the impact of the interim cleanup activities to the environment as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Based on this study, DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project. The NOE states that the draft IRMP activities will not have a significant negative impact on human health or the environment.

How do I participate? – The public comment period will start on **May 21, 2012** and end on **June 21, 2012**. Written comments must be postmarked or emailed **by June 21, 2012** and sent to: Zenzi Poindexter, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, California 90630.

On June 6, 2012, DTSC will hold a **Community Meeting** at Placerita Junior High School located at 25015 Newhall Avenue, Newhall, CA 91321 from 7:00pm-8:30pm.

Where do I get more information? - Copies of the draft Interim Remedial Measures Plan, draft NOE, and other documents related to the site are available for review at the Valencia Branch Library, 23743 W. Valencia Blvd, Santa Clarita, California 91355, Phone: (661) 259-8942. The administrative record is available for review Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the DTSC Regional Records Room, 9211 Oakdale Avenue, Chatsworth, California 91311. Please contact Ms. Viven Tutaan at (818) 717-6521 for an appointment. Copies of key technical reports, fact sheets and other site-related information are also available online at DTSC's EnviroStor website at <http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov>.

All public documents provided by DTSC can be made available in an alternate format (ie. Braille, large print, etc.) or in another language as appropriate, in accordance with state and federal law. Please contact Zenzi Poindexter for assistance.

For additional information: - If you have any questions or wish to discuss this project, please contact: Mia Huynh, Project Manager, (818) 717-6611 or email: mhuynh@dtsc.ca.gov or Zenzi Poindexter, Public Participation Specialist, (714) 484-5477 or toll-free (866) 495-5651, press 3 then 4, email: upoindex@dtsc.ca.gov. Media inquires, please contact Jeanne Garcia, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (818) 717-6573 or jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov.

Notice to the Hearing Impaired:

TDD users can obtain additional information by using the California Relay Service (1-888-877-5378) to reach Zenzi Poindexter at (714) 484-5477.