



PUBLIC NOTICE OF CLEANUP PLAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY

Former Pasadena Manufactured Gas Plant Site Pasadena, California

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: February 28, 2004 to March 29, 2004

We invite you to review and comment on a plan to clean up the soil at a former industrial property in Pasadena, California. The site, known as the Former Pasadena Manufactured Gas Plant, consists of three properties: 815, 835, and 859 South Raymond Avenue. These are currently occupied by the Rose Palace (**835**), a storage yard (**815**), and an office building (**859**). At this time, the cleanup is proposed for the properties at 815 and 835 S. Raymond Avenue. Removal activities at the property located at 859 South Raymond Avenue will be performed in the near future.

Our agency, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), will oversee the cleanup of the site.

The site was used to manufacture gas from oil from 1886 to 1909. Recent tests of the soil found a black, powdery material called "lampblack." Lampblack results from the gas manufacturing process and contains chemicals called polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). The tests also detected small amounts of soil contaminated with lead.

PAHs and lead can cause health problems if people are exposed to them for a long period of time. People can be exposed to the chemicals by getting contaminated soil on their skin, or by ingesting (eating) it. Since the soils at the site are covered, the site is considered safe for its current commercial use. However, we need to clean up the soil to make it safe for other possible uses in the future.

The cleanup plan is described in a document titled "Final Draft Removal Action Workplan for the Former Pasadena MGP Site." The plan, if approved by the public, is to dig out and haul away about 3000 cubic yards (4500 tons) of contaminated soil. Most of the soil would be sent to a facility in Adelanto, California for thermal treatment and disposal. The small portion of the soil containing lead would be sent to a licensed landfill for treatment and disposal. A maximum of 25 trucks per day would carry soil from the site. The cleanup would likely happen during March and April 2004 if approved.

Our agency did a study to see if the cleanup activities, such as the digging and hauling, would have a negative impact (harm) on the environment. This study is required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). We found the cleanup activities would not have a significant impact on the environment. Our study and this finding are described in a document titled "Draft Negative Declaration for the Former Pasadena MGP Site." This "Negative Declaration" is also available for your review and comment.

We encourage you to review and comment on both the cleanup plan and the Negative Declaration during the 30-day comment period of through February 28, 2004 to March 29, 2004.

Please send written comments, emailed or postmarked by March 29, 2004, to Anthony Espinoza, DTSC Project Manager, 1011 North Grandview Avenue, Glendale, CA 91201. Email: aespinoz@dtsc.ca.gov.

Copies of the Final Draft Removal Action Workplan for the Former Pasadena MGP Site and Negative Declaration, as well as other technical documents related to the project, are at the Allendale Branch of the Pasadena Public Library, 1130 South Marengo Avenue Pasadena, California 91106, (626) 744-7260. They are also at our agency's office at the Glendale address shown above. Please contact Ms. Jone Barrio at (818) 551-2952 to make an appointment to see them.

If you have questions about the project, please contact either of these two people at our agency (Department of Toxic Substances Control):

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