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DEPARTMENT OF  
TOXIC SUBSTANCES  
CONTROL

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Department of Toxic  
Substances Control is  
to provide the  
highest level of safety,  
and to protect public  
health and the  
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## Runkle Canyon Draft Response Plan Available for Review and Comment

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on the draft Runkle Canyon Response Plan (Response Plan) for the proposed Runkle Canyon residential development, located at the southern terminus of Sequoia Avenue adjacent to the Santa Susana Field Laboratory at the southern edge of Simi Valley, California.

### Background

On April 23, 2008, Runkle Canyon, LLC, the developer of the Runkle Canyon property, signed an agreement with DTSC under the California Land Reuse and Revitalization Act of 2004 (CLRRA) Program. This Agreement is available on the DTSC website at:

[http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/regulators/deliverable\\_documents/6218708634/Runkle%20Canyon.pdf](http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/regulators/deliverable_documents/6218708634/Runkle%20Canyon.pdf).

The CLRRA program is a voluntary program which requires Runkle Canyon LLC to submit historical documentation to DTSC, which includes many reports and letters that explain and summarize previous investigations that occurred at the project site between 1999 and 2007. Following extensive review of these documents, which are available on the DTSC website, DTSC requested Runkle Canyon LLC to prepare a Response Plan to address DTSC concerns.

### Public Comment Period

**January 14, 2009 through February 13, 2009**

### Public Meeting

**January 28, 2009  
6:30 p.m.**

Simi Valley City Council Chambers  
2929 Tapo Canyon Rd, Simi Valley, CA 93063

DTSC will host a public meeting to present an overview of the Response Plan and accept oral and written comments.

Copies of the Response Plan and related documents can be viewed on the DTSC website, <http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>, or at the DTSC Chatsworth office, listed on [page 2](#) of this fact sheet. Written comments must be postmarked by **5:00 p.m. on February 13, 2009** and sent to:

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The Response Plan includes soil sampling for radionuclides in the eastern and southeastern areas of Runkle Canyon, and a plan for the removal of a small amount of tar material from the drainage areas.

The soil sampling plan is located in Appendix A of the Response Plan, and the plan for the removal of the tar material is located in Appendix B of the Response Plan.

If the results of the additional soil sampling reveal the need for further response actions, DTSC will require an additional Response Plan, which will be presented to the public for further review and comment.

### California Environmental Quality Act

In addition to the Response Plan, DTSC also proposes to issue a Notice of Exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which is also available for public review. DTSC evaluated all possible environmental impacts associated with the proposed activities included in the Response Plan. The Notice of Exemption states that because the small volume of the removal action will avoid both sensitive biological habitat areas and cultural resource areas and the area is not accessible to the public, the Response Plan is exempt from CEQA. The Notice of Exemption is available on the DTSC website and at the DTSC Chatsworth Office Records Room.

### Information Repository

We encourage your participation in our review process. Before making a final determination on the Response Plan, DTSC will review and respond in writing to all comments submitted in writing during the public comment period for inclusion in the final Response Plan. What about the repository at the Simi Valley Library? Its right next door to council chambers!

The Response Plan and other related documents are available at:

**The Simi Valley Library (please see map for location). Also, the documents are on the Website:**

[http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile\\_report.asp?global\\_id=60000899&cmd=community\\_involvement](http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=60000899&cmd=community_involvement)

### DTSC Contacts:

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### Media Inquiries:

For questions from the media, please contact Ms. Jeanne Garcia, DTSC Public information Officer, at (818) 717-6573 or by e-mail to [Jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov).

**Notice to the Hearing Impaired:** You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 (TDD). Please ask them to contact Susan Callery at (818) 717-6567.

### Location of Simi Valley City Council Chambers:

