

# 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.

## DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN FOR SA RECYCLING LLC FRESNO FACILITY



IRIS Environmental has prepared the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for SA Recycling LLC Fresno Facility located at 3489 South Chestnut Avenue in Fresno, California 93725 (Site). The draft RAW will address the Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon (TPH), Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs), Arsenic, cadmium and lead in the soil. Scrap metal recycling activities at the Site have been identified by DTSC as the source of the contamination in the soil.

The Site is an 11 acre property that operates as a scrap metal recycling business. The Site has been a scrap metal recycling facility since the mid-1950s. It has a maintenance shop, a building used to sort non-iron materials, and a scale house/office. Operations at the Site include purchasing, sorting, handling, stockpiling, and shipping recyclable scrap metal. Other operations include heavy equipment and facility maintenance, automobile flattening, and scale house operation.

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will oversee the project activities proposed in the draft RAW. We invite you to review and comment on the draft RAW, which describes the investigations carried out at the Site and evaluate the remedy.

### Public Comment Period



**February 19, 2016 -  
March 21, 2016**

DTSC will accept public comments on the draft RAW for the Site during the public comment period **February 19, 2016 through March 21, 2016**. All comments must be received by **March 21, 2016**. Send all comments to:

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## **SITE HISTORY AND INVESTIGATIONS**

The Site consists of four parcels that has been use as a scrap metal recycle facility since the mid-1950s. Prior uses were residential and possibly agricultural. Approximately 50 percent of the Site surface is covered by concrete or asphalt paved access ways, and the remainder is unpaved. The unpaved driveway areas are covered with crushed asphalt. Two storm water retention ponds are located in the southern portion and in the northwestern portion of the Site. There are also three buildings on the Site. Operations at the Site include purchasing, sorting, handling, stockpiling, and shipping recyclable scrap metal. Additional operations include heavy equipment and facility maintenance, automobile flattening, and scale house operation.

Environmental investigations conducted in November 2013 and February 2014 at the Site has detected TPH, VOCs, PCBs, Arsenic, cadmium and lead in the soil. Scrap metal recycling activities at the Site have been identified by DTSC as the source of the contamination in the soil.

## **DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN**

The primary objective of a draft RAW is to evaluate cleanup alternatives and to identify a preferred cleanup plan which prevents or reduces potential risks to public health and the environment. Cleanup alternatives are screened and evaluated on the basis of their effectiveness, ability to be implemented, and cost. A draft RAW identifies the cleanup plan that DTSC recommends. Before DTSC makes a final decision to approve, modify, or deny a cleanup plan the draft RAW is made available to the public for review during a public comment period. All comments are reviewed and considered before the draft RAW is approved.

## **PROPOSED REMEDY SELECTION OPTIONS**

Three remedy selection alternatives were evaluated in the draft RAW for the Site. All alternatives are described in detail in the draft RAW, but are summarized below.

Alternative 1 – No Action

Alternative 2 – Soil Excavation and Off-Site Disposal

Alternative 3 - Capping and Institutional Controls

## **PREFERRED REMEDY SELECTION**

The preferred cleanup alternative selected is Alternative 2 - Soil Excavation and Off-Site Disposal and Alternative 3 - Capping and Institutional Controls, is the preferred and recommended remedial action alternative for the Site. Alternative 2 and 3 will be protective of human health and the environment and have a much lower impact on the adjacent community.

Approximately 25-50 cubic yards of contaminated soil will be transported to a State-licensed disposal facility. The trucks will be operated by a licensed hazardous waste trucking contractor.

Approximately 2700 CY of soil will be graded, consolidated and paved. Graded soils will be mixed and treated with a stabilization cement-based material prior to capping the Site. The unpaved heavy-industrial operational area will be capped with concrete and the unpaved light-industrial/traffic area will be capped with asphalt. The remaining unpaved portions of the Site will be capped with asphalt or concrete. The protective cap will be maintained and annually inspected in accordance with the Land Use Covenant and the Site Operations and Maintenance Plan.

## **INSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS**

There is no immediate health risk because the public is not exposed to contaminated soil. However, a Covenant to Restrict Use at the Site will be placed on the Site to protect potential future occupants of the property in the event that land uses changes. As part of the recommended corrective action, the land use restrictions specified in the Land Use Covenant would provide acceptable protection of human safety and the environment.

## **CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

In compliance with the California Environmental



Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC has prepared a Notice of Exemption (NOE). The draft NOE will be made available for public review, along with other supporting documents in the information repositories.

**NEXT STEPS**

DTSC will review and consider comments received during the public comment period before making a final decision to approve, modify or deny the draft RAW. If comments are received, DTSC will prepare a Response to Comments at the completion of the public comment period. Anyone who submits comments will receive a copy of the Response to Comments document; in addition, a copy will be placed in the information repositories.

**INFORMATION REPOSITORIES**

The draft RAW, draft NOE and other related documents may be viewed at the following locations:

Fresno County Public Library  
4670 E. Butler Avenue  
Fresno, California 93702  
(559) 453-4072; call for hours

DTSC Sacramento Regional Office File Room  
8800 Cal Center Drive  
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Or online: <http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>.

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