COMMUNITY Notice

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances through the restoration of contaminated resources, enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.

DRAFT RESPONSE PLAN FOR THE FORMER SOUTHLAND STEEL FACILITY HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on the draft Response Plan for the Former Southland Steel Facility (Site) located at 5959, 5969, 6011, 6161, & 6169 Alameda Street in Huntington Park, California 90001. The Site is located on Alameda Street, south of Randolph Street, in the City of Huntington Park, California.

The parcels investigated consist of the former Southland Steel facility and include all of the property between the railroad spur from Randolph Street and Alameda Street to the east. Environmental investigations from 2004 – 2009, found elevated levels of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), poly aromatic hybrocarbons (PAHs), and heavy metals (arsenic, cadmium and lead) in the soil, soil vapor and groundwater.

The southern-most parcel is currently used as an automobile service facility, and the remaining parcels are used for parking cars. All of the buildings at the Site have been demolished and removed. Asphalt pavement or concrete flooring from the previous facility remain and serve the parking needs of the automobile service facility. Manufacturing and light industrial facilities surround the Site.

An initial draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) was prepared on May 4, 2012 for the removal of the shallow soil contamination. The draft RAW was approved by DTSC but not implemented due to funding constraints. The current draft Response Plan proposes a cleanup plan to address the contamination. DTSC would oversee the proposed cleanup of the contamination at the Site, and encourages your participation in the cleanup decision-making process.

Public Comment Period

August 11, 2014 - September 12, 2014

DTSC will accept public comments on the draft Response Plan for the Site during the public comment period **August 11, 2014** through **Septemeber 12, 2014**. All comments must be received by **Septemeber 12, 2014** and sent to:

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SITE AND ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS

The Site was originally developed as a fertilizer manufacturing facility by the American Agricultural Chemical Company sometime before 1923. The Site included the following on the property: a residential property, a garage, a laboratory, an office and the remainder of the fertilizer factory included an acid storage facility, two 16-foot diameter above-ground acid storage tanks, one steel 20,000-gallon above ground tank, an additional 53,000-gallon concrete cistern, a storage shed and a transformer house.

Between 1928 and 1934, the fertilizer facility was removed and replaced by a new steel manufacturing facility, owned by. Rawlins Brothers Steel Supplies. Rawlins Brother added several structures to the Site including warehouses, a machine shop and an office building. The Site operated as a steel manufacturing facility under various owners until 1972 when Southland Steel took over the property. Southland Steel operated at the Site until approximately 2002 when they closed the facility. The buildings were removed from the Site in 2008 except for the automobile service facility. The Site is currently used for automotive storage and for employee parking for an automobile dealership.

Environmental investigations at the Site were conducted starting 2004-2009. These investigations found VOCs, PAHs, arsenic, cadmium, and lead at level that will require that they be cleaned up. The draft Response Plan is intended to address the cleanup of the contamination

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The draft Response Plan proposes excavation and off-site disposal of contaminated soil as the preferred clean up alternative. This will also address the contaminated soil vapors at the Site. Approximately 4,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil will be removed and taken off-site for disposal. It will take between 200 to 300 truckloads to remove the contaminated soil from the site. The soil will be taken to a state licensed and approved disposal facility. The cleanup process for soil removal is expected to take about 6 weeks. Excavated areas will be backfilled with clean soil and will be restored with new asphalt as needed.

The groundwater will be treated with In-situ treatment by dechlorination to remove the PCE. This process will destroy the contaminants in the groundwater by injecting a chemical directly into the area. Monitoring will be conducted to ensure the effectiveness of the treatment.

SAFETY & DUST CONTROL

The following actions will be implemented during this process to ensure public safety and minimize dust:

- Secure the work area with fencing;
- Spraying of work areas with clean water to control dust;
- Securing trucks with covers before they leave the Site;
- Trucks entering and exiting the site will be brushed to remove soils and debris;

PROPOSED TRUCK ROUTE

The cleanup is projected to take about six weeks to complete and work will occur Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm with occasional work on weekends. No street or road closures are expected to occur.

The trucks will leave the site for the disposal facility by exiting Alameda Street and continue North to go East onto Highway 60, where they will continue onto a license and approved disposal facility. It is expect that traffic will not exceed 25 truckloads per day.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) was prepared for this project. The NOE states that the proposed cleanup will not have a significant negative effect on human health

and the environment because of short duration, relatively small amount of contaminated soil to be removed, and the controlled way in which the contaminated soils will be dug out, loaded onto trucks and taken away to an approved/permitted facility for lawful disposal.

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 proposed Response Plan. 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 listed below.

INFORMATION REPOSITORIES

The revised draft Response Plan and other related documents for the Site are available for review at the following locations:

Huntington Park Library
6518 Miles Avenue
Huntington Park, California 90255
(323) 583-1461; Call for hours

City of Huntington Park, City Hall
6550 Miles Avenue
Huntington Park, California 90255
(323) 584-6266; Call for hours

DTSC Chatsworth Regional Office
9211 Oakdale Avenue
Chatsworth, California 91311
(818) 717-6521; Call for appointment

Site documents are also available at: www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov for your review.

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