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Community Survey for Union Pacific Railroad Property (Taylor Yard)

Dear Community Member:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) encourages you to complete and return this community survey to share your concerns about contamination found on the Union Pacific Railroad Property (Taylor Yard) property located at 2800 Kerr Street, extending south along the eastern side of the 5 Freeway, ending on the northeast corner of the intersection of the 5 Freeway and 110 Freeway in Los Angeles. Your responses to this survey will help us plan future outreach activities, and keep you informed.

Environmental investigations done on the Taylor Yard property revealed the following contaminants above levels that DTSC allows for unrestricted land use:

- arsenic
- antimony
- benzene
- cadmium
- copper
- 1,2-dibromoethane
- 1,2-dichloropropane
- ethylbenzene
- hexachlorobenzene
- lead
- N-nitrosodi-n-propylamine
- polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons
- 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane
- tetrachloroethylene
- thallium
- vinyl acetate

Information about these contaminants can be found on the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry website at: www.atsdr.cdc.gov.

A health risk assessment was prepared to describe the possibility that the contaminants found on this property could be harmful to human health, animals, and other living beings. The results will be used to decide the best way to clean-up the contamination to levels that will not cause a health risk to humans or harm the environment.

The contaminants are not an immediate threat to human health because they are beneath the ground and currently not accessible. However, the Taylor Yard property must be cleaned-up to prevent possible exposure in the future.

DTSC, a department within the California Environmental Protection Agency, is responsible for overseeing the investigation and ensuring that cleanup activities are done in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations.

Thank you for taking the time to fill out and return this community survey. **Please return the survey by January 21, 2011.** If you have any questions about the environmental investigation or the attached survey, please call me at 1-866-495-5651, press “3”, then press “2” (tollfree), or e-mail me at yladuke@dtsc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Yvette LaDuke
Public Participation Specialist

Enclosed – Community Survey



**UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD PROPERTY (TAYLOR YARD)
ENVIRONMENTAL REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN
COMMUNITY SURVEY**

Please return to Yvette LaDuke, Public Participation Specialist, DTSC
9211 Oakdale Avenue, Chatsworth, CA 91311 or yladuke@dtsc.ca.gov
by **January 21, 2011**

1. Prior to receiving this survey, were you aware of the environmental investigation being conducted along the railway property? _____ Yes _____ No
2. Do you have any concerns about the contamination at this site? _____ Yes _____ No
3. If so, what are your specific concerns?

4. Is there an existing Neighborhood Council or other neighborhood organization that actively meets in your area? _____ Yes _____ No
If so, what is the name of the community organization?

Would you like DTSC to attend a future meeting to brief your organization on the environmental investigation of the UPRR (Taylor Yard) property? _____ Yes _____ No
Who should we contact to make the necessary arrangements? (Please provide name & phone number or e-mail address)

5. What languages other than English are spoken in your community?

6. DTSC plans to host a public meeting during the 30-day public comment period for the draft cleanup document. Is there a location within your community that is easily accessible and appropriate for this type of meeting? If so, please provide us with the location on the line below.

7. Is there a local newspaper or community newsletter that is used to distribute information to members of your local community? _____ Yes _____ No
If so, what is the name of the newspaper/newsletter? _____

If you did not receive this survey in the mail and would like to be placed on the mailing list for this site, please complete the mailing coupon on the reverse side of this form.

8. If you would like us to contact you to discuss your concerns or answer your questions, please provide either your e-mail address or phone number below:

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_____ Please send all future correspondence via e-mail to the following e-mail address:

_____ and delete my address
from your mailing list (insert address to be deleted on the lines below):

_____ Delete my address from the mailing list: (list address below)

Please note DTSC mailing lists are public records and may be released if requested.