



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
PROPOSED EXPLANATION OF SIGNIFICANT
DIFFERENCES FOR THE



Varian Site
611 Hansen Way
Palo Alto, California

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: November 27, 2006 to December 29, 2006

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announces a 30-day public comment period on a proposed Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption for the Varian Site located at 611 Hansen Way in Palo Alto, Santa Clara County, California. When DTSC decides to modify an approved cleanup plan, called a Remedial Action Plan (RAP), the Federal Law requires DTSC to notify the surrounding residents through an ESD document. In 1994, a RAP was approved for this Site which implemented an extraction and treatment (pump and treat) system to clean up the volatile organic compounds (VOCs), perchloroethylene and trichloroethylene in the groundwater.

This ESD describes a proposed change to the approved 1994 RAP. DTSC proposes to add sodium permanganate (permanganate) to the groundwater at the Site to eliminate the remaining VOCs in the groundwater. As provided for in State and Federal law, DTSC is also proposing a Notice of Exemption under CEQA. Copies of the ESD and the Notice of Exemption are available for public review at the U.S. Geological Survey Library listed below. The full administrative record and files for the site are at the DTSC address listed below.

U.S. Geological Survey Library
345 Middlefield Road
Menlo Park, California 94025
(650) 329-5027

Department of Toxic Substance Control
700 Heinz Avenue
Berkeley, California 94710
(510) 540-3800 please call for appointment

All written comments must be postmarked no later than December 29, 2006 and should be sent to the attention of Jayantha Randeni, DTSC Project Manager, 700 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, California 94710. Comments submitted electronically should be sent to jrandeni@dtsc.ca.gov, no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 29, 2006.

Questions about this project can be directed to Jayantha Randeni at (510) 540-3806 and E-mailed to jrandeni@dtsc.ca.gov. For information on public participation please contact Michelle Trotter, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, toll free at 1(866) 495-5651 or at (916) 255-6441 or by e-mail at mtrotter@dtsc.ca.gov. For media questions, please call Angela Blanchette, DTSC Public Information Officer at (510) 540-3732 and E-mail at ablanche@dtsc.ca.gov.