

Public Notice

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.

Extension of the Public Comment Period for the Review of the Plan for Habitat Area 2, Zeneca/Former Stauffer Chemical Company, Richmond, California 94804

In response to public requests, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) extends the period for review and comment to October 10, 2016. This public comment period is on the Draft Feasibility Study/Remedial Action Plan (FS/RAP) for Habitat Area 2 of the Zeneca Site. DTSC oversees the proposed cleanup plan for Habitat Area 2 of the Zeneca/Former Stauffer Chemical Site, located at 1415 South 47th Street, Richmond, California 94804. A Draft FS/RAP has been prepared for Habitat Area 2 of the Site that describes the investigation and proposed cleanup activities for Habitat Area 2. The public comment period will now run from August 10 to October 10, 2016.

The entire Site is an 86-acre property that has been divided into separate operable units or investigation areas for remediation purposes. Habitat Area 2 (approximately 9.2 acres) is one of those areas and is located in the southeastern portion of the Site, and to the north of East Stege Marsh and the Bay Trail. Habitat Area 2 must be cleaned up to protect human health and the environment. DTSC determined that cleanup is necessary after tests showed elevated levels of chemicals such as arsenic, lead, copper, mercury, selenium, dieldrin, DDE, DDT, PCBs, and other chemicals that were previously manufactured at the Site. DTSC recommends removal and off-site disposal of contaminated soil and sediment, in situ treatment of some lesser contaminated sediments, placement of a clean soil sediment cap in the upper and lower lagoons, monitoring of groundwater to confirm the effectiveness of source remediation of soils and sediments, restoration of the habitat, and institutional controls such as putting in place a Land Use Covenant.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): As the Lead Agency under CEQA, DTSC prepared an Initial Study to determine if the proposed project would result in significant impacts to the environment. The Initial Study concluded that the proposed project would not have a significant impact to the environment. DTSC concluded that a Negative Declaration was the appropriate document for CEQA. The comment period for the CEQA documents has also been extended until October 10, 2016.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION? You may review copies of the draft FS/RAP and the CEQA documents at the following locations: Richmond Public Library, 325 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA 94804, (510) 620-6554, DTSC File Room, 700 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94710, Call for appointment (510) 540-3800, DTSC's Envirostor Web Site: www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov.

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Please submit your comments by October 10, 2016 to: Lynn Nakashima, DTSC Project Manager, 700 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, California, 94710, Lynn.Nakashima@dtsc.ca.gov.

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