

Public 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.

Announcement of Public Comment Period for Notice of Availability and Public Meeting for Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Ascon Landfill Site, Huntington Beach, CA

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: October 6th, 2014 – November 21st, 2014

What Is Being Proposed? - This Notice of Availability (NOA) is announcing the availability of the Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the draft Remedial Action Plan (RAP) (the "Project") (State Clearinghouse #2013041010) for the Ascon Landfill Site being considered for approval by the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). The purpose of this NOA is to solicit comments from the public and public agencies on the content of the environmental information included in the Recirculated Draft EIR. DTSC determined that a Recirculated Draft EIR is appropriate to consider the inclusion of an additional truck haul route needed to address short-term traffic impacts previously analyzed in the Draft EIR. Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Project's proposed revised operational traffic characteristics and the resulting changes to the traffic and noise impacts analyzed in the 2013 Draft EIR are presented in the Recirculated Draft EIR focusing on these two environmental issues (traffic and noise). DTSC is the lead regulatory agency for certification of the EIR and approval of the RAP. The Ascon Landfill site is a vacant 38-acre parcel at the southwest corner of Hamilton Avenue and Magnolia Street and is a former landfill that accepted oil field and other waste materials, including hazardous wastes. The RAP includes excavation and off-site disposal of up to approximately 32,000 cubic yards of contaminated materials, consolidation of the remaining contaminated materials, and installation of a protective cap to cover the contaminated materials which will remain on-site. As concluded in the Recirculated Draft EIR, during construction activities as part of implementing the RAP, the Project would result in significant and unavoidable short-term air quality and traffic impacts. DTSC's decision on the Site's remediation activities will occur upon completion of CEQA environmental review process.

Upcoming Public Meeting - A public meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 6th, 2014, at 6:00 pm, at City of Huntington Beach, City Council Chambers, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, 92648-2702.** This meeting is being held to solicit comments on the content of the Recirculated Draft EIR from the public and public agencies.

Information Repositories: Project documents including the NOA are available for electronic review on DTSC's EnviroStor website at www.EnviroStor.dtsc.ca.gov. Hard copies of project documents including the NOA are available for public review at the following Information Repository locations:

Huntington Beach Central Library	Banning Branch Library	Dept. Toxic Substances Control
7111 Talbert Avenue	9281 Banning Avenue	5796 Corporate Avenue
Huntington Beach, CA 92648-1232	Huntington Beach, CA 92646-8302	Cypress, CA 90630-4732
(714) 842-4481	(714) 375-5005	(714) 484-5337

How Do I Participate? – The public comment period begins **October 6th, 2014** and ends **November 21st, 2014**. Submit comments by **November 21st, 2014** to: Safouh Sayed, DTSC Project Manager, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630-4732, e-mail: Safouh.Sayed@dtsc.ca.gov. For community outreach, contact Stacey Lear, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, (714) 484-5354, e-mail: Stacey.Lear@dtsc.ca.gov. For media inquiries, contact Sandy Nax, DTSC Public Information Officer, (916) 327-6114, e-mail: Sandy.Nax@dtsc.ca.gov.