



NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON DRAFT REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN AND DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR FORMER ATHENS TANK FARM SITE IN WILLOWBROOK AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

What Is Being Proposed?

A draft cleanup plan to address contaminated soil and groundwater at the former Athens Tank Farm site is available for public review and comment. The draft cleanup plan, called a Phase 1 Remedial Action Plan (RAP), describes in detail the environmental investigations conducted, findings and the cleanup process chosen to address contamination at a portion of the site. The draft Phase 1 RAP, if approved, will include excavation of limited areas of the site, along with the use of a cleanup technology known as Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE) for specific areas. Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a draft Mitigated Negative Declaration is proposed, as the draft Phase 1 RAP activities will not have a significant negative effect on public health and the environment. *This draft Phase 1 RAP is a first part of future cleanup plans, and is not the final cleanup activity proposed for the site.*

The 122-acre site is located in Willowbrook and is bounded north by East 120th Street, west by Avalon Boulevard, south by El Segundo Boulevard, and east by single family residences. The site includes the Earvin "Magic" Johnson Park (Park), former Ujima Village Apartment Complex (UVA), and the Ujima Housing Corporation (UHC) properties. The area is now occupied by the former UVA, the Park and adjacent former Honey's Little Angels Day Care Center. Historic operations at the former Athens Tank Farm oil storage facility resulted in the releases of methane, total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPHs), volatile organic compounds (VOCs) (which include hexane and benzene), lead and arsenic. Environmental investigations found these contaminants in soil, soil vapor and groundwater at levels that require cleanup to protect long-term public health and the environment and prevent future problems.

How You Can Participate – Comment Period, Open House and Community Meeting

This notice provides the public an opportunity to learn more about the site and submit public comments on the draft Phase 1 RAP and CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration. **The 30-day public comment period begins October 25th, and ends November 30th, 2012. Public comments must be postmarked or e-mailed no later than November 30th, 2012, and sent to:** Teklewold Ayalew, Project Manager, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, 320 West 4th Street, Suite 200, Los Angeles, CA 90013-1105, e-mail: tayalew@waterboards.ca.gov. *You may also submit your public comments at the Open House and/or Community Meeting on Thursday, November 15th, 2012, at Enterprise Park Gymnasium, 13055 Clovis Avenue, Los Angeles, 90059-3432.* The Open House begins at 5:00 pm followed by a Community Meeting that begins at 6:30 pm. Please join us to learn more about this project in your community. You may view these documents electronically on www.geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/search.asp and at these Information Repositories:

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150 East El Segundo Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90061-2356
(310) 538-3350
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Who to Contact for More Information

For questions about the former Athens Tank Farm site please contact Teklewold Ayalew, Regional Board Project Manager at (213) 576-6739, Maryam Tasniff-Abbasi, DTSC Project Manager at (714) 484-5489, or Stacey Lear, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (714) 484-5354. Notice to Hearing Impaired: You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 to reach Stacey Lear, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (714) 484-5354 or toll-free 1-866-495-5651. *For more information about the former Athens Tank Farm site visit www.EnviroStor.dtsc.ca.gov. For more information about DTSC, please visit our website at www.dtsc.ca.gov. ExxonMobil established a toll-free information line for project information. Please call 1-866-278-7207 to access additional information from ExxonMobil.*

