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Toxic Substances  
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Toxic Substances  
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toxic harm.*



State of California



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Environmental  
Protection Agency

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## Draft Environmental Cleanup Plan For The Learner Company Site Is Available For Public Review and Comment



### Introduction

A draft plan (called a draft Removal Action Workplan or RAW) proposing how to clean up contaminated soil at The Learner Company site (TLC and/or Site) is available for public review and comment. The 13-acre Site is located at 2711 Navy Drive in Stockton, within the East Complex of the Port of Stockton in San Joaquin County. The draft RAW provides an explanation of cleanup alternatives and proposes a recommended cleanup alternative.

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is the regulatory agency that provides oversight of environmental investigations and cleanups of hazardous substance sites. DTSC ensures the sites are cleaned up in a way that is protective of human health and the environment.

### Site Location And History

The area around the Site is primarily industrial. From 1952 to 1968, the Site was operated by the United States Navy and was identified as U.S. Government Reservation Land. In 1971, TLC began metal recycling operations including sorting, consolidating, stockpiling, and cutting and/or shredding of recyclable materials in preparation for transport off-Site by trucks or rail cars. These materials were delivered to various facilities for use in manufacturing.

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

September 22, 2010 to October 22, 2010

DTSC encourages you to review and comment on the Draft RAW. All comments must be postmarked by October 22, 2010. All e-mailed comments must be received that same day. Please submit your comments to:

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Past activities at the Site resulted in contamination of soil with the following contaminants of concern: metals, Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPHs), Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds (SVOCs), including Polyaromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs), and Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs). Prolonged exposure to these contaminants has the potential to negatively impact human health and the environment.

### **It Is Important To Note**

There is no immediate health risk from the contaminants in the soil on Site. However, DTSC determined that the soil has levels of contaminants that are above acceptable risk for a commercial/industrial property and should be removed.

Currently, groundwater below the Site is not impacted by any of the contaminants of concern, however, there is arsenic in the soil, and groundwater will need to be monitored to ensure that the arsenic does not impact the groundwater below the Site in the future.

### **Proposed Cleanup**

The proposed cleanup is to excavate approximately 42,000 cubic yards of impacted soil, segregate out any metal fragments, sample the excavated soil, and transport contaminated soil to an appropriate disposal facility.

Once the excavation has been completed, confirmation soil samples of the excavated areas will be collected to verify that the removal was successful. Clean fill and/or reusable excavated soil will be used to backfill excavated areas and the Site will be graded back to its original condition.

Once the Site has been graded, permanent groundwater monitoring wells will be installed.

The proposed future use of the Site is at the discretion of the Port of Stockton; however, the Site will have a land use covenant (also known as a deed restriction) and can only be used for commercial/industrial purposes.

### **Effects Of The Cleanup On The Environment**

Before a cleanup method can be approved, it must meet the requirements of a California State law known as the California Environmental Quality

Act (CEQA). CEQA is important because it determines what impacts, if any, the proposed cleanup will have on the environment.

DTSC has determined that a Negative Declaration under CEQA is appropriate for the proposed cleanup. A Negative Declaration is a document that states that there is no substantial evidence that the proposed cleanup will have a significant effect on the environment.

The Negative Declaration is also available for review and comment during the comment period for the draft RAW.

### **Where To Find Site Related Documents**

Copies of the draft RAW, proposed Negative Declaration, and additional Site/project information can be reviewed at the following locations:

*Department of Toxic Substances Control*  
8800 Cal Center Drive  
Sacramento, California 95826  
(916) 255-3779 to make an appointment.

*Cesar Chavez Central Library*  
(Stockton-San Joaquin County Library)  
605 N El Dorado Street  
Stockton, California 95202-1907  
(209) 937-8221 to make an appointment.

### **Via the Web at:**

<http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>.

Once at the website, type the word 'Stockton' in the box titled 'City' and take the cursor to the 'Get Report' key near the bottom of the screen and click once. Choose the project titled 'LEARNER COMPANY, THE'. Take the cursor to the 'Report' field and click once. The screen will provide you with several documents available for review by the public.

### **How To Submit Comments**

The public comment period will run from September 22, 2010 through October 22, 2010. All public comments must be postmarked or e-mailed by October 22, 2010 and sent to the attention of:

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## Next Steps

At the close of the public comment period, DTSC will review and consider all comments and make any necessary revisions to the draft RAW.

Also, a Response to Comments document will be mailed to everyone who makes a comment and provides their name and address; anyone who requests a copy; and at the information repositories established for this Site/project.

## For More Information

If you have questions regarding the Site or the project, please contact:

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