



NOTICE OF APPROVAL  
THE REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN  
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS  
EMERYVILLE CALIFORNIA



The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announces its approval of the Remedial Action Plan (RAP) or cleanup plan for primarily arsenic contamination at the former Sherwin-Williams Site, 1450 Sherwin Avenue and a portion of the former Rifkin property, 4525–4563 Horton Street in Emeryville, California. This decision adopts a cleanup program to remove arsenic contaminated soil. Arsenic is in the soil and groundwater on and beneath the Sherwin-Williams Site. DTSC will oversee long-term groundwater monitoring to evaluate the effectiveness of the soil removal.

DTSC believes that the RAP is necessary to protect human health and the environment over the long term. DTSC published a public notice and distributed a fact sheet on the Draft RAP and the proposed California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Mitigated Negative Declaration on October 28, 2009. Also, DTSC held a public meeting on November 5, 2009, during the public comment period that started October 28, 2009 and ended on December 18, 2009. DTSC also held a public meeting with 45<sup>th</sup> Street Artist Cooperative members on December 9, 2009.

In accordance with CEQA, DTSC must evaluate the environmental effects from any proposed cleanup actions. DTSC prepared an Initial Study that evaluated the potential environmental impacts from the implementation of the RAP. DTSC has addressed the public comments and filed a Notice of Determination for adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the RAP. Items requiring mitigation during cleanup are off-site aesthetics at the intersection of Park Avenue and Halleck Street and documentation for potential archeological findings.

Work to remove the contaminated soil will begin in the spring of 2011. You may review the Final RAP, which includes DTSC's CEQA Initial Study and Responsiveness Summary for public comments, as well as supporting documents at the Oakland Public Library, 5606 San Pablo Ave., Oakland, CA 94608. You may also review the full administrative record at the:

DTSC File Room  
700 Heinz Avenue  
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Please call (510) 540-3800 to make the necessary arrangements

These documents are available on the DTSC web site at [www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/](http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/). Please type in Emeryville for the city and find "Sherwin-Williams" on the list of projects.

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