

COMMUNITY 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.

Proposed Interim Cleanup Plan for Former Southwest Marine Property, Port of LA

Para información en español por favor comuníquese con Jesus Cruz al número (916) 255-3315.

You are invited to comment on the proposal by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to implement a Remedial Action Workplan (RAW) along with an Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/Neg. Dec.) prepared as required the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the former Southwest Marine Property (Site), located at 985 Seaside Avenue, Terminal Island, Port of Los Angeles, California.

Site History and Location

The former Site consists of 4 parcels designated for commercial/industrial activities. The Site occupies approximately 25 acres and was historically used for ship building/repair and other port activities dating back to 1918. The Site is currently unoccupied with the exception of one business located in the northern portion of the property. Other parts of the Site have marine piers and vacant buildings. The Site is located on Terminal Island, which is adjacent to the community of San Pedro to the west, the community of Wilmington to the north, and the City of Long Beach to the east. The Site is bordered by a number of businesses, the U.S. Coast Guard, and a prison.

Why Cleanup Is Necessary

The Site has been investigated and evaluated, and a Human Health Risk Assessment undertaken. On May 15, 2013, the Port of Los Angeles forwarded a draft RAW to DTSC. The RAW proposes an interim two phase cleanup approach that includes excavation and stockpiling of contaminated soil, and off-site disposal at an appropriate disposal facility. The main chemicals of concern, include elevated levels of lead, arsenic, PCBs, and total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH). The shallow groundwater has not been significantly affected, but isolated source areas of TPH will be removed.



Public Comment Period, June 24, 2013 through July 24, 2013

Project related documents are available for review and comment at the locations listed on Page 3. DTSC will make a final decision on the proposed cleanup plan after all public comment have been considered.

Please send comments to:
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Comments must be sent by July 24, 2013.

Due to low public interest, a public meeting has not been scheduled for this project.

There is no immediate health risk because the public is not exposed to any contamination. DTSC will oversee the cleanup that will take place and will ensure that it is performed in a manner that protects public health and the environment. Under current conditions, the site does not pose a threat to human health.

Proposed Cleanup Activities

The proposed interim Site cleanup plan will be completed in two phases. Further Site cleanup will be undertaken at a later date yet to be determined. The two phases of the proposed interim cleanup are as follows:

Phase 1:

- Dig out and stockpile of contaminated soil;
- Evaluate and determine type and level of soil contamination in stockpile;
- Check to make sure that excavated holes have no further contamination;
- Backfill excavated holes with clean soil;
- Grade excavated areas in order to control drainage at the Site.

Phase 2:

- Remove stockpiled soil for off-site disposal or treatment;
- Grade former soil stockpile areas, as needed, to control drainage at the Site.

Transportation and Management of Contaminated Soil

A transportation plan has been developed that outlines specific details of how contaminated soil will be transported off site for disposal. The plan includes procedures for covering loads, minimizing and monitoring dust, and proposed transportation routes. The transportation plan includes the following:

- It is estimated that 680 truck loads of contaminated soil will be excavated and removed to an off-site disposal

facility.

- There will be approximately 27 truck loads of soil per day for 26 days.
- The proposed truck route for removal of soil from the Site to the north 710 freeway will travel north along South Seaside Avenue, turn left onto Ferry Street at Terminal Way, merge onto the California 47 north highway, and continue to the 710. Approximate travel time from the Site to the 710 freeway is estimated at 12 minutes.
- It is estimated that a truck containing contaminated soil will leave the Site every ten minutes, between the hours of 7 am to 12 p.m.

California Environmental Quality Act

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC has prepared an IS/Neg. Dec. for this project. The draft Negative Declaration states that the proposed project activities will have less than a significant impact on the environment based on the CEQA initial study.

Next Steps

At the close of the public comment period, DTSC will review and consider all public comments and make any necessary revisions to the draft RAW prior to final approval. Also, a Response to Comments document will be mailed to everyone who makes a comment and provides their name and address. The implementation of the RAW is expected to begin in the summer of 2013.

Where to Find Project Documents

DTSC encourages you to review the draft RAW, CEQA, and other site-related documents. These documents are available for review at the information repositories listed below:

City of Los Angeles - Harbor Department



Contact: Christopher Cannon
222 West 6th Street
Suite 1080
San Pedro, CA 90731
Phone: (310) 732-3763
Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Department of Toxic Substances Control File Room
Contact: Jone Barrio
5796 Corporate Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630
Phone: (714) 484-5336
Hours of Operation:
Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Documents Online

Project documents are available on DTSC's EnviroStor website located at: http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=60000999

Use your cellphone to scan the following link for online information:



Who to Contact for More Information

For more information about the draft cleanup plan or to be added to the site mailing list please contact the following DTSC representatives:

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