

Community Notice, May 2012

Cleanup Plan Available For Review: Former Southland Steel Facility, Huntington Park, California.

A draft plan to remove soil contaminated with lead, arsenic, cadmium, and Poly Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) at the Former Southland Steel Facility is open for a 30-day public review and comment period. The draft plan, called a Removal Action Workplan or RAW, was submitted by the City of Huntington Park, California. The site is located in a commercial/industrial area that includes the street addresses 5959, 5969, 6011, 6161, and 6169 at South Alameda Street, in the City of Huntington, California.



Why Cleanup Is Necessary?

There is **no** immediate health risk because the public is not exposed to the contaminated soil. However, because exposure to elevated levels of these contaminants can cause adverse health effects, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) recommends that a cleanup plan be prepared to remove and dispose the contaminated soil to protect future occupants of the property. DTSC will oversee the removal action and ensure that it is performed in a manner that does not harm people or the environment.

30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD May 31 to June 29, 2012

Your participation is encouraged. The draft RAW and other related project documents for this site are available for review and public comment at the locations listed on page 3. We will make a final decision after all public comment has been reviewed and considered. **All public comments must be postmarked or by June 29, 2012** or emailed no later than 5 p.m. to:

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Environmental Investigations

The Site is zoned commercial/industrial and has been used since the early 1900's first as fertilizer manufacturing facility and more recently for steel manufacturing by Southland Steel. The property is currently used for automotive storage and as parking space.

Contaminants

On November 2004, soil testing was conducted. Contaminants found are identified as volatile organic compounds (VOCs), poly aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and heavy metals (arsenic, cadmium and lead).

Proposed Cleanup Options

The following two Cleanup Options will be considered for this site:

Alternative 1 – No Further Action

Alternative 2 – Removal and Off-Site Disposal

Based on careful analysis of the options, Alternative 2 - excavation and removal is recommended because it protects human health and the environment, is permanent and has a reasonable cost.

If Alternative 2 is selected, the contaminated soil will be dug out using a backhoe, bulldozer, shovels or other types of earth moving equipment, as necessary. The soil will be stockpiled or loaded onto trucks and taken off-site to be disposed at a licensed facility.

Safety & Dust Control During Cleanup

The following actions will be implemented during this process to ensure public safety and minimize dust:

- Prepare and secure the work area with fencing
- Driving all vehicles at slow speeds while on the property
- Spraying of work areas with clean water to control dust
- Securing trucks with covers before they leave the site
- Trucks entering and exiting the site will be brushed to remove soils and debris
- Minimize soil drop height into transport trucks

- Backfill excavated area with clean soil and restore the surface with asphalt

Proposed Transportation Route

About 2,500 cubic yards of contaminated soil will be removed and taken off-site for disposal. It will take about 150 truckloads to remove the contaminated soil from the site. The soil will be taken to a state licensed and approved disposal facility. This work is limited to the hours between 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily.

California Environmental Quality Act

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project. The NOE states that the proposed cleanup will **not** have a significant negative effect on human health and the environment because of short duration, relatively small amount of contaminated soil to be removed, and the controlled way in which the contaminated soils will be dug out, loaded onto trucks and taken away to an approved/permitted facility for lawful disposal.

Next Steps

At the close of the Public Comment Period, DTSC will review and consider any 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.

Site cleanup activities are projected to take about six weeks and will be conducted in late summer or early fall of 2012. Work days and hours for Site activities are Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm with occasional work on weekends. No street or road closures are expected to occur.

After the cleanup process is completed, soil testing will be done to confirm cleanup goals have been reached and the City of Huntington Park will submit a Removal Action Completion Report to the DTSC for review and approval.

Where to Find the Documents

The Draft RAW and other related documents for Former Southland Steel Facility are available for review at the following locations:

Huntington Park Library

6518 Miles Avenue
City of Huntington Park, CA 90255
Phone: (323) 583-1461
Hours of Operation: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Contact: Reference Librarian

City of Huntington Park, City Hall

6550 Miles Avenue
City of Huntington Park, CA 90255
Phone: (323) 584-6266
Hours: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday
Contact: Ms. Fernanda Palacios

Department of Toxic Substances Control

Regional Records Office
9211 Oakdale Avenue
Chatsworth, CA 91311
Contact: Ms. Vivien Tutaan
Phone: (818) 717-6521
Hours: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Friday

Site documents are also available at:
www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov for your review.
A computer is available in the DTSC file room for your use.

Who to Contact for Information

If you have any questions about the project or cleanup activities, please contact:

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Notice to Hearing-Impaired Individuals

You can obtain additional information about the site by using the California State Relay Service at 1 (888) 877-5378 (TDD). Ask them to contact Jacqueline Martinez at (714) 484-5338 regarding the Former Southland Steel Facility.

All documents made available to the public by DTSC can be made available in an alternative format (i.e. Braille, large print, etc.) or in another language as appropriate, in accordance with state and federal law.

