

COMMUNITY UPDATE

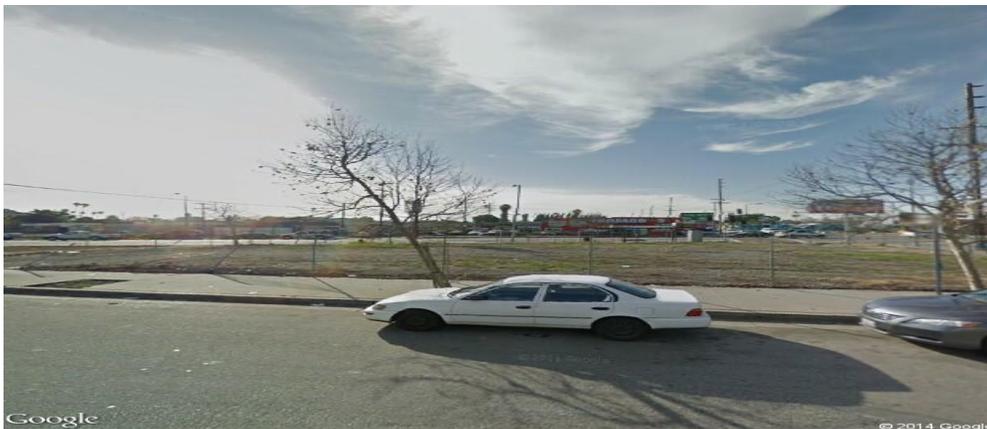
The mission of DTSC is to protect California’s people and the environment from harmful effects of toxic substances through the restoration of contaminated resources, enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.

Western Gage Gateway Park Draft Removal Action Workplan Available for Public Comment

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites the public to review a proposed plan to clean up contaminated soil at the Western Gage Gateway Project (Site). The Site is located at 6300 Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90007. This cleanup plan, called a draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW), describes the environmental & groundwater investigation results, and the recommended options to clean up contaminated soil & groundwater at the Site.

Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a CEQA Exemption Declaration has been prepared as the proposed soil vapor treatment and related activities do not have any environmental impact on human health or the environment.

There is **no** immediate health risk because the Site is unoccupied and fenced, and the contaminated soil is located at a depth of 10 feet or more below ground surface.



Western Gage Gateway Site

What You Will Find In This Community Update:

- Why Cleanup is Necessary
- Site Background
- Environmental Investigation
- Proposed Cleanup Plan (draft RAW)
- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- Next Steps
- Where to Find Projects and How You Can Participate

Public Comment Period



March 5, – April 6, 2015

Your participation is encouraged. The 30-day public comment period begins March 5, and ends April 6, 2015. Comments submitted during this period should be related to the draft RAW and CEQA. Public comments must be **postmarked or emailed by April 6, 2015 and sent to:**

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The draft RAW is available for review electronically and at the Information Repository locations listed on page 3.



WHY IS CLEANUP NECESSARY?

Removal of chemicals in the soil will prevent the potential for exposure in the future. Cleanup of the soil is important because volatile organic compounds (VOCs), specifically benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylenes (collectively BTEX), and total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline (TPH-g), may have health effect on site occupants. **While long term exposure at higher levels of concentration may be cancer causing or carcinogenic the levels present at the Site are minimal and DO NOT pose a health risk.**

SITE BACKGROUND

The Site is approximately 8,330 square feet in size and is located on the east side of Western Avenue at its intersection with Gage Avenue. Gage Avenue divides just to the east of the, and the Site is bounded both on the north and south sides by Gage Avenue. A service station operation existed at the Site from approximately 1928 to 1969. The Site is currently a fenced vacant lot.

ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS

Site investigations were conducted in February 2008, July 2009, and in September 2014. Results of investigations indicated the following areas of concern:

- TPH-g concentrations in soil in the central area of the Property at depths of 10 to 25 feet below ground surface (bgs).
- VOCs, principally BTEX, in soil in this same area and at the same depths.

It was also determined that groundwater under the Site did not have significant concentrations of these substances.

PROPOSED CLEAN-UP AND DRAFT REMEDIAL WORKPLAN

- ✓ **Alternative 1 – Excavation and Off-Site Recycling or Disposal.** This would involve digging up of soil and hauling to a permitted offsite disposal or treatment/recycling facility.
- ✓ **Alternative 2 - Soil Vapor Extraction.** Soil vapor extraction (SVE) works by applying a vacuum to the soils through vertical extraction wells. Extracted vapor would be moved through piping to a treatment unit located at the Site.
- ✓ **Alternative 3 – In-Situ Chemical Oxidation.** A chemical agent would be injected into the soil to breakdown petroleum hydrocarbons.
- ✓ **Alternative 4 – Containment in Place.** A cap would be constructed across the site to prevent contact with the soil.
- ✓ **Alternative 5 - No Action.** The contaminated soil would be left in place with a deed restriction.

The preferred removal action alternative for the Site is Alternative 2, SVE.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is a state law that requires state and local agencies to identify the environmental impact of their actions. Prior to approval of the RAW, DTSC will evaluate its environmental review obligations under CEQA to ensure consistency with the provisions of the Act and accompanying Guidelines. A CEQA Exemption was prepared for this project and concluded that the project will not have an effect on human health or the environment.

NEXT STEPS

After the 30-day comment period on the RAW and CEQA Exemption, comments will be evaluated and incorporated into the planned cleanup. Both the RAW and CEQA Exemption will need to be approved by the DTSC. If the RAW is approved the cleanup is expected to begin in mid-2015 and be completed by mid-2016.

WHERE TO FIND PROJECT DOCUMENTS

You can find the draft RAW and Negative Declaration online at:

http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=60002006

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Monday 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Thursday 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday - Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
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