

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 Cleanup Plan for United Alloys, Inc., Site in Los Angeles Now Available For Public Review & Comment

A proposed cleanup plan, called a draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) is available for public review and comment for United Alloys Inc. property located at 900 East Slauson Avenue in Los Angeles (site). The site is southeast of East Slauson and McKinley Avenues, and about 450 feet southeast of Los Angeles Academy Middle School. The draft RAW, if approved, proposes soil vapor extraction (SVE) to remove volatile organic compounds (VOCs), predominantly tetrachloroethene (PCE) and trichloroethene (TCE) that were found in soil. Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a Notice of Exemption (NOE) has been prepared, as the proposed cleanup actions will not have a significant negative impact on human health and the environment.

Our agency, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), is a department within the California Environmental Protection Agency, and is responsible for overseeing environmental investigations and cleanup activities at sites such as the United Alloys, Inc., site. This fact sheet provides information on:

- Why Cleanup Is Necessary
- Site Location and History
- Previous Environmental Investigations
- Proposed Cleanup Plan – draft RAW
- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- How You Can Participate
- Where to Find Site Documents
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- Next Steps

There is **no** immediate health risk because on-site workers, school faculty, staff and students and the public are not exposed to the contaminated soil. However, because exposure to elevated levels of VOCs (including PCE and TCE) can cause adverse health effects, DTSC recommends a cleanup plan be developed and implemented to ensure on-site workers and the public are not exposed to soil impacts. DTSC will ensure work is performed in a manner that does not harm people or the environment.

Public Comment Period



**May 29th, 2014
Through
June 28th, 2014**

A **30-day public comment period** is being held to receive public comments on the draft RAW. **The public comment period begins May 29th, and ends June 28th, 2014. All public comments must be post-marked or e-mailed by June 28th, 2014, and sent to:**

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The draft RAW and other project documents are available for review at the Information Repository locations listed on page 3 inside this Fact Sheet.



Why Cleanup is Necessary

Since 1980, numerous environmental studies were performed at the property to evaluate the nature and extent of hazardous substances. Results of the studies showed contamination of subsurface soils were found at levels that exceed DTSC's regulatory protective standards. Although there is no immediate health risk, cleanup is required to protect human health and the environment. VOCs were also found in groundwater above the regulated Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs). This groundwater is not used for drinking water, and the proposed SVE remediation will reduce the VOCs found in the groundwater. Groundwater has been and will continue to be monitored and evaluated under DTSC oversight.

In July 2007, DTSC began oversight of the environmental investigations under a Voluntary Cleanup Agreement between United Alloys, Inc. and DTSC.

Site Location and History

The area surrounding the site contains primarily light industrial and commercial businesses to the west and south and several commercial and light industrial properties to the east. An east-west railway line and a complex of light/commercial properties are located north of East Slauson Avenue. Beyond these, residences are located further to the north. The Los Angeles Academy Middle School is located about 450 feet northeast of the site.

The site occupies about 68,000 square feet, about half of which is occupied by a warehouse and operations building. The site was owned by Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company between 1920 and 1928. Between 1928 and 1969, various individuals, investment companies, and financial companies were listed as owners of the site. From 1969 to 1972, two chemical companies leased the site that distributed solvents and petroleum products to other businesses. These tanks were offloaded via rail car and stored in tanks on the property. Releases likely occurred through leaks and spills in the tanks, piping and transfer operations. These tanks were removed in 1980 when United Alloys, Inc. purchased the site. United Alloys, Inc. has owned and operated the site since 1980. United Alloys, Inc. conducted receiving, sorting, stripping, crushing, processing and re-sale of aerospace metal alloys such as zirconium, nickel, titanium and cobalt. Current site operations are conducted above ground and on paved areas. In 2002, the business and equipment was purchased by Cronimet Corporation who continues to operate the site as United Alloys & Metals, Inc.

Historic and current operations have resulted in the releases of VOCs (including PCE and TCE) into soils and groundwater beneath the site. Groundwater below the site is not used for drinking water.

As part of site investigation activities, two pilot studies using a cleanup technology known as Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE) was implemented at the site. SVE technology uses vacuum extraction through installed wells to treat VOCs. The two SVE pilot studies at the site have shown that SVE is able to effectively remove VOC-impacted soil and prevent VOC migration.

Proposed Cleanup Plan – draft RAW

To address impacted soil at the site, the draft RAW proposes the use of SVE. The SVE wells and conveyance piping system have been installed and were used to conduct the previous SVE pilot testing. As part of the start-up operations, one (1) additional SVE well, one (1) additional nested soil vapor monitoring probe and up to four (4) vent wells will be constructed. Field work for these installations and the SVE system operation will be conducted according to an approved site specific health and safety plan.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

DTSC is required by CEQA to consider projects that have the potential to impact the environment before approval. DTSC has determined that this project is exempt and has prepared a Notice of Exemption (NOE) that explains why the proposed RAW activities will not have a significant effect on the environment.

How You Can Participate – Public Comment Period

DTSC wants to know what you think encourages you to review the draft RAW. **The 30-day public comment period for draft RAW begins May 29th, and ends June 28th, 2014. All public comments must be postmarked or e-mailed no later than June 28th, 2014, and sent to:**

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DTSC will consider and respond to all public comments received during the public comment period.

Where to Find Site Documents

Copies of the draft RAW, CEQA NOE and other related project documents are available for public review at the following Information Repositories:

Vernon Branch Library
4504 South Central Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90011-3632
(323) 234-9106
Mon/Wed: 10:00 am – 8:00 pm
Tues/Thurs: 12:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Fri/Sat: 10:00 am – 5:30 pm
Sunday: Closed

Department of Toxic Substances Control
DTSC File Room
9211 Oakdale Avenue
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(818) 717-6521
Mon – Fri 8:00 am – 5:00 pm (Please contact Ms. Vivien Tutaan at the above number to make an appointment).

For more information about the United Alloys, Inc., site, visit www.EnviroStor.dtsc.ca.gov. For more information about our department, please visit our website at www.dtsc.ca.gov.

Whom to Contact at DTSC for Information

If you have any questions about the United Alloys, Inc. site, draft RAW, CEQA NOE or other related project activities, please contact the following DTSC staff:

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Next Steps

Upon approval of the RAW, field work will begin and take between 1-3 weeks, then operation and maintenance of the SVE will last for at least 2 years. No street or road closures are expected to occur. No disruptions to school pedestrian or traffic patterns are expected to occur.

Notice to Hearing Impaired

TDD users can use the California Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 to reach Stacey Lear, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (714) 484-5354 or toll-free 1-866-495-5651.

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