



## DTSC cleans up land in heart of Silicon Valley

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control is proposing a cleanup plan that could help generate more than 7,000 jobs in the heart of Silicon Valley – one of the most dynamic growth regions in the state.

Southern California-based Irvine Company owns the 16 acres near Highway 101 and Bowers Avenue that comprise part of the proposed Santa Clara Technology Campus. The company is cleaning up the property voluntarily, and industrial -style structures are being razed to make way for sleek new office buildings.

The site was an orchard until the mid -1970s and then housed offices, manufacturing and commercial and light industrial businesses. The buildings have been vacant since 2004, and DTSC is supervising the cleanup of arsenic, lead and pesticides found in soil.

The proposed cleanup plan calls for removing about 23,500 cubic yards of contaminated soil and consolidating it elsewhere on the property or transporting it for disposal in a permitted facility. Buildings, parking lots or other “caps” would cover any newly consolidated soil.

The public comment period for the proposed plan ends Dec. 23.

The 16 acres are part of a proposed 30-acre business campus to be constructed in two phases, starting in early 2014. The campus could eventually contain about 1.2 million square feet of six-to eight-story office buildings and some shops and retail, according to the [city of Santa Clara](#).

Irvine Company has been active in Silicon Valley in the last few years, acquiring two large office complexes

Design renderings of the proposed Technology Campus



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### Technology Campus continued

in 2011 and 2012, breaking ground on the 911,000-square-foot Santa Clara Gateway and then buying the Santa Clara Technology Campus site from Equity Office Properties Trust, according to a 2012 Silicon Valley Business Journal [story](#) posted on Irvine Company's web site.

The architecture of the buildings on the Technology Campus will be similar to those 1.5 miles away at [Santa Clara Gateway](#) – where three of the six buildings are leased to Dell, Arista Networks and Globalfoundries, according to Irvine Company.

Even in thriving Santa Clara, this kind of project is significant. It brings new life to property that has been vacant for almost a decade and, according to the city's web site, could help produce more than 1,350 construction jobs, 7,100 permanent jobs and \$223 million worth of new property value.