



DEPARTMENT OF
TOXIC SUBSTANCES
CONTROL

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Contaminated Soil Removal Proposal for Charles Cain Facility

The proposed removal of chemically contaminated soil from the former Charles Cain Facility is available for public review and comment. The proposed soil removal presents the proposed final cleanup remedy at the former facility. The 0.32-acre facility is located at 8325 Hindry Avenue, Los Angeles, 90045.

Why Soil Removal Action is Necessary

There is no immediate health risks associated with the contaminated soil. There is one area of contaminated soil inside a building located at the facility. The public is not exposed to the contamination as the contaminated soil is presently covered.

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is the lead State agency overseeing the cleanup of this site.

This Fact Sheet Provides a Brief Summary of:

- Why soil removal is necessary
- What are the contaminants
- History and operations at the Site
- Environmental Investigations
- Proposed soil removal
- California Environmental Quality Act
- Where to find the documents
- Who to contact for more information

30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD October 8 through November 6, 2009

Your participation is encouraged. The proposed cleanup plan, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Draft Notice of Exemption, and other related project documents for this Site are available for public review and comment at the locations listed on page 2. DTSC will make a final decision after all public comment has been reviewed and considered. Please submit written comments postmarked or emailed by 5 p.m. on **November 6, 2009**, to:

Al Shami, Project Manager, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630. E-mail: ashami@dtsc.ca.gov, FAX: 714-484-4538.

A public meeting has not been scheduled during the public comment period.

Si desea información en español, comuníquese con Jeanne Garcia al (818) 717-6573



What are the Contaminants

Perchloroethene (PCE) is the predominant Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) chemical found in soil samples at the site.

Trichloroethylene (TCE) in soil is found in association with elevated levels of PCE.

1,1,1-trichloroethane (TCA) was found at the site five feet below ground.

VOCs – Typically industrial solvents, but also found in paint thinners, petroleum fuels, and used in the dry cleaning process.

History and Operations at the Site

Historical, the facility was used as a painting facility since the 1940s. In 1999, the Charles Cain facility entered into bankruptcy and has been inactive and vacant since that time. In November 2001, DTSC issued an Imminent and Substantial Endangerment Determination and Remedial Action Order.

Environmental Investigations

Environmental investigations revealed PCE, TCE, and 1,1,1-trichloroethane in soil, and VOCs in soil gas.

Soil gas is the air space between soil particles beneath the ground surface.

Proposed Soil Removal

The proposed cleanup plan calls for the excavation of approximately 550 cubic yards of contaminated soil to a depth of fifteen feet. It is also proposed that a Soil Vapor Extraction System will be installed in order to remediate the soil deeper than fifteen feet. The proposed soil removal will take about one week to complete. During this period, approximately 25 truckloads of contaminated soil will be removed and transported to a permitted disposal facility. Clean imported soil will be used to backfill the excavated soil.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

In compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project. The draft NOE states that the proposed final remedy will not have a negative effect on human health

and the environment.

Next Steps

At the end of the Public Comment Period, DTSC will review and consider all public comments received, and make any necessary revisions to the proposed soil cleanup plan if required. A Response to Comments document will be mailed to everyone who submits a comment and provides their name and address.

Where to Find the Documents

The proposed soil cleanup plan and other related documents for the former Charles Cain facility are available for review at the following locations:

Inglewood Public Library

Reference Desk
101 W. Manchester Blvd.,
Inglewood, CA 90301
Phone: (310) 412-5380

Department of Toxic Substances Control

5796 Corporate Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630
Hours: 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday
Contact: Julie Johnson for an appointment
(714) 484-5337

Who to Contact for More Information

If you have any questions regarding the proposed soil cleanup plan, please contact:

Al Shami, Project Manager
(714) 484-5472, ashami@dtsc.ca.gov

Tim Chauvel, Public Participation Specialist
(714) 484-5487, (toll free) (866) 495-5651,
choose option "4" and press 2
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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) 877-5379 (TDD). Ask them to contact Al Shami at (714) 484-5472 regarding the Charles Cain project.

For more information about DTSC:

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