

# 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.

## Quicksand 8358 Standustrial Street, Stanton, CA 90680

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), invites the public to review and comment on a proposed plan and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption (NOE) to clean up soil at the Former Quicksand Facility in Stanton (The Site). This plan, called a Removal Action Workplan (RAW), describes in detail the environmental studies that have been conducted, the results, and the proposed cleanup activities at the Site.

### Why is cleanup necessary?

The approximately 26,200 square foot former Quicksand property is located in an industrial zoned area. During operation, the facility housed sandblasting and metalizing areas, offices, and warehouses. Prior to 1983 the property was owned by AMPCO Associates. C-West Enterprises purchased the property in September 1983.

DTSC conducted a limited subsurface investigation in 2004 and concluded that the site was contaminated with elevated levels of zinc. Illegal metal spraying operations resulted in a widespread layer of zinc and other metals debris throughout the site. Hazardous waste was stored inadequately and there was evidence of illegal disposal. During environmental investigations conducted at the Site between 2009 and 2015, soil contaminated with metals such as aluminum, antimony, cadmium, cobalt, lead, nickel and zinc were found above appropriate screening levels. This is due to the site being used historically for industrial purposes.

### Public Comment Period



**Public Comment Period**  
**October 29, 2015 to**  
**November 30, 2015**

DTSC encourages you to review, and comment on the draft RAW and the NOE.

Please submit comments to:

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DTSC prepared a NOE as required by the CEQA because **the levels of these contaminants do not pose an immediate risk to human health.**

**Proposed cleanup options**

The draft RAW considered the following three alternatives for the cleanup of contaminated soil:

1. No Action
2. Institutional Controls and On-site Containment (Capping) and
3. Removal and Off-site Disposal of the contaminated soil.

Based on careful analysis DTSC recommends option number three, Removal and Off-site Disposal of the contaminated soil, because it is the most protective of human health and the environment, is a permanent solution, and has a reasonable cost. If this alternative is approved, an estimated 34 cubic yards of soil contaminated will be removed. Areas where the contaminated soil is removed will be replaced with clean soil.

**Safety measures during the proposed clean up**

Precautionary measures will be taken to ensure the safety of staff and the general public while conducting the cleanup activities. Water will be sprayed during soil movement to suppress dust levels. The runoff water will be collected and disposed of off-site. Although contaminants in the dust are very low and do not pose a health threat, air monitoring will be conducted every hour to ensure dust levels are not excessive.

The proposed cleanup activities are anticipated to take 3 to 4 weeks. **A work notice will be released before any proposed cleanup begins**

**Next steps**

1. The draft RAW, and CEQA documents will be available for review electronically and at information repositories throughout the community.
2. The public will have an opportunity to comment on the draft RAW and CEQA documents during a 30 Day public comment period from Oct. 29 to Nov. 30, 2015.
3. At the close of the public comment period, DTSC will review and consider all comments received and make any necessary revisions to the draft RAW prior to final approval.

**California Environmental Quality Act**

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, DTSC has prepared a draft NOE for this project. The NOE states that the proposed cleanup will have no significant effect on human health and the environment because of the short duration and the controlled manner in which the impacted soil will be mitigated. The CEQA documentation is located in the public repositories listed below.

**Where to find the project documents**

A copy of the RAW and CEQA documents for the Quicksand Site are available at the following locations:

**Orange County Library (Stanton Branch),** 7850 Katella Ave., Stanton, California, 90680

**DTSC Regional Records Office**  
5796 Corporate Ave. Cypress, Ca 90630

You can also visit the DTSC EnviroStor website at:

[https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile\\_report.asp?global\\_id=70000085](https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=70000085)

