

# 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.

## AB389 RESPONSE PLAN, BAKER COLD STORAGE, PORT OF LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

Para información en español por favor comuníquese con Jesus Cruz al número (916) 255 3315.

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the AB389 draft Response Plan (RP) for the Baker Cold Storage facility (Site), located at 1710 Pier B Street, Port of Long Beach, California.

**What is being proposed:** The construction of a Multi Component Cap (MCC) over the entire 12.6 acre at the Site. The installation of the proposed MCC will isolate the contamination. The remedial approach proposed for groundwater is monitored natural attenuation (MNA) in conjunction with the remedial alternative selected for the soil (MCC). Environmental investigations undertaken by DTSC have found creosote, pentachlorophenol (PCP), chromated zinc chloride (CZC), ammoniacal copper arsenate (ACA), and ammoniacal copper zinc arsenate (ACZA) in the soil. In addition, PCP and naphthalene as well as other volatile organic compounds and metals have been found in groundwater. The extent of these chemicals in soil and groundwater is primarily limited to the Site. There is no immediate health risk because the contamination is below ground surface and the Site has been fenced to prevent public access.

The DTSC has approved a draft RP for the Site in order to protect human health and the environment.

**California's Land Reuse and Revitalization Act (CLRRRA):** In November 2012, the DTSC and the present and past owners of the Site entered into a voluntary agreement called CLRRRA. The CLRRRA provides a single working document containing all environmental and legal obligations that the new owner of the property called Baker Cold Storage, Inc. will have to undertake before developing the Site into a cold storage facility.

**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):** The Port of Long Beach shall serve in the capacity of Lead Agency for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) related activities. Please contact the Harbor Department, Environmental Planning Division at (562) 283-7100 for CEQA related information, and the date and time of the Port's CEQA public hearing relating to this project.

### Public Comment Period



**Comment period from August 7 through September 6, 2013**

Comments concerning the draft Response Plan (RP) may be submitted in writing to:

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All comments concerning the RP must be postmarked or e-mailed by Friday, September 6, 2013.

If a public meeting is deemed necessary regarding the draft Response Plan, DTSC will hold a public meeting close to the Site.



**Site Location and History:** The Site is a rectangular shaped parcel that occupies approximately 12.6 acres. The Site is located in Long Beach Harbor.

The Site had been historically used for treating wood products with various preservatives between the time J.H. Baxter & Company (Baxter) a former wood preserving company acquired the property in 1924 and the time wood treatment operations ceased in 2001. After 2001, the former Baxter facility was dismantled, and most of the structures removed.

Between 1925 and 2001, various chemical preservatives were used for wood treatment at the Site. Creosote (with an oil-base) was the main preservative used between 1925 and 1973

For a full Site history and list of chemicals used during wood treatment operations and other activities, please review a copy of the draft RP that can be found at the locations outlined below.

**Recommended Response Action – Alternative 4:** Based on effectiveness, implementability, and cost, Alternative 4, construction of a MCC for the soil and MNA for groundwater, is the recommended alternative for the Site. The MCC will include a low permeability asphaltic concrete pavement barrier in areas not improved by buildings, a venting system and membrane beneath buildings, and a drainage system to prevent ponding of water. The MCC and MNA design will be specified in the Remedial Design Document to be developed.

**Where you can find information:** A copy of the draft RP for this project is available at the following locations:

Long Beach Public Library (main branch), 101 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90822. Call (562) 570-7500 for library hours.

And the same documents are also available at:

DTSC file room at 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630. Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., contact Jone Barrio, phone: (714) 484-5337.

You can also visit the DTSC EnviroStor website at:  
[https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile\\_report.asp?gl\\_obal\\_id=19290290](https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?gl_obal_id=19290290)

#### **Who to Contact for More Information**

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