

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 Maurer Marine, Costa Mesa, Now Available for Public Review & Comment

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites the public to review and comment on a proposed plan to clean up soil contaminated with Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), including tetrachloroethylene (PCE) and trichloroethylene (TCE) at Maurer Marine, Inc., (site), located at 873 West 17th Street, in Costa Mesa. The proposed cleanup plan, called a draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW), describes in detail the proposed plan to excavate, remove and dispose of contaminated soil. Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a Notice of Exemption (NOE) is proposed, as the proposed remedial activities will not have a significant effect on public health and the environment. DTSC regulates the generation, storage, treatment and disposal of hazardous waste in California. DTSC is the lead regulatory agency for approval of the draft RAW Workplan. This fact sheet provides information on:

- Why Cleanup is Necessary
- Site History
- Site Investigation & Findings
- Proposed Cleanup Plan (draft RAW)
- Safety and Dust Control Measures
- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- Where To Find Site Documents & Next Steps

Why Cleanup is Necessary

DTSC determined there are chemicals present in soil at the site that are above DTSC's protective standards. Therefore, DTSC requires a soil cleanup be developed and implemented to ensure long-term public health and safety of on-site workers at the Maurer Marine site. DTSC will oversee the proposed remedial activities and ensure that they are performed in a manner that does not harm people or the environment. There is **no** immediate risk to the surrounding community because there are no off-site exposures from site contaminants.

Site History

The 0.5 acre property was previously used for scrap metal and recycling and as a metal pipe fabricator from 1966 to 1995. Since that time, Maurer Marine, Inc., began operating as a sales and maintenance of powerboats business. Maurer Marine, Inc., currently sells boats and boat accessories and stores and repairs small watercraft where engine fuels and lubricants are used on the property. The

Public Comment Period



November 13th, – December 16th, 2013

A **30-day public comment period** is being held to accept public comments on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW). **All public comments must be post-marked or e-mailed by December 16th, 2013, and sent to:**

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DTSC will consider and respond to public comments before a final decision is made.

The draft RAW is available for public review at the Information Repository locations listed inside this Fact Sheet on page 2.



site includes an office and shop/maintenance building, adjoining warehouse for storing boats, and paved parking area used as boat storage. It is believed that historical operations conducted at the site resulted in chemical spills into soil.

Site Investigation and Findings

During 2011 and 2012, soil gas, soil and groundwater sampling was conducted. Results indicated that low levels of VOCs, TCE and PCE were found in soil at levels that require cleanup. The site is included in a regional groundwater investigation.

Proposed Cleanup Plan – draft RAW

The draft RAW proposes excavation and removal of about 27 tons (one truck load) of impacted soil. Clean soil will be backfilled in excavated areas. Confirmation sampling will be conducted to ensure cleanup goals have been met. Excavated soil will be transported to an approved landfill.

If approved, removing the contaminated soil and replacing it with clean soil will prevent site workers and occupants from being exposed to contaminated soils. A land use covenant (deed restriction) to restrict the use of the property to commercial/industrial uses will also be applied.

Safety and Dust Control Measures

To protect on-site workers and the surrounding community during the proposed cleanup activities, the following safety measures will be implemented under DTSC oversight:

- Work areas will be lightly sprayed with water to prevent fugitive dust.
- Air monitoring will be conducted to ensure dust remains at safe levels.
- Tires of trucks leaving the site will be brushed and cleaned so that contaminated soil is not tracked onto streets.
- Truck(s) leaving the site will be covered with tarp when traveling to the approved landfill for disposal.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

DTSC is required by law to review all environmental activities under CEQA which asks a series of questions about the possibility of a significant effect on the environment. DTSC prepared a Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project. This is our finding that the proposed activities (digging, excavating, backfilling, etc.) will not have a significant negative effect on human health and the environment.

Where To Find Site Documents

A copy of the draft RAW for this project is available at the following Repositories:

Costa Mesa Branch Library
1855 Park Avenue
Costa Mesa, CA 92627-2711
(949) 565-8845
Monday – Thursday: 10 am – 9 pm
Friday: 10 am – 5 pm
Saturday: 10 am – 5 pm
Sunday: 2 pm – 5 pm

Department of Toxic Substances Control
5796 Corporate Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630-4732
(714) 484-5337 - Monday – Friday: 8 am – 5 pm
Please contact Ms. Julie Johnson at the above number to make an appointment.

Site documents are also available for review at: www.EnviroStor.dtsc.ca.gov. A computer is available in the DTSC file room for public use.

How To Participate and Submit Your Comments

DTSC encourages you to review the draft RAW. **The 30-day public comment period for the draft RAW begins November 13, and ends December 16, 2013. All public comments must be postmarked or e-mailed by December 16, 2013, and sent to:**

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Whom to Contact at DTSC for Information

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

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Next Steps

DTSC will respond to all public comments received on the draft RAW before implementing any field work. If approved, RAW activities will be conducted during winter of 2013-2014. Work will take about two to five (2-5) days and be conducted between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Saturday. No street or road closures are expected to occur.

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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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