

Public 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.

Draft Cleanup Plan for Maurer Marine in Costa Mesa Available for Public Review and Comment

30-Day Public Comment Period: November 13th - December 16th, 2013

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

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED: The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on a proposed plan to clean up contaminated soil at the 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 soil contaminated with volatile organic compounds (VOCs), including tetrachloroethylene (PCE) and trichloroethylene (TCE). If approved, about 27 tons of soil (one truck load) will be excavated, removed and disposed of to reduce VOC levels in soil that DTSC determined are above protective standards. Confirmation sampling will be conducted to ensure cleanup goals have been met. Clean soil will be backfilled in excavated areas and impacted soil will be transported and disposed of at an approved landfill. Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) DTSC prepared a Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project. This is our finding that the proposed remedial actions will not significantly impact the environment.

Historically, the property was used for scrap metal and recycling and as a metal pipe fabricator from 1966 to 1995. Maurer Marine, Inc. began operating as a sales and maintenance of powerboats business. Maurer Marine, Inc. currently stores and repairs small watercraft where engine fuels and lubricants are used on the property. Environmental investigations conducted determined that VOCs, TCE and PCE in soil were found at levels that require cleanup. The contaminants in the soil are restricted to an area immediately beneath the site. There is no immediate health risk because there are no off-site exposures from site contaminants, however DTSC requires an overall cleanup plan (draft RAW) be developed and implemented to ensure long-term public health and safety of on-site workers.

How to Participate: The 30-day public comment period for the draft RAW begins November 13th, and ends December 16th, 2013. All public comments must be postmarked or e-mailed by December 16th, 2013, and sent to: Maryam Tasnif-Abbasi, DTSC Project Manager, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630-4732, e-mail: Maryam.Tasnif-abbasi@dtsc.ca.gov.

Where To Find Site Documents: The draft RAW is available for review at the Costa Mesa Public Library, 1855 Park Avenue, Costa Mesa, 92627-2711. Call (949) 565-8845 for library hours. You may also review site documents at the DTSC office, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, 90630-4732, Monday – Friday, 8 am to 5 pm, contact Julie Johnson at (714) 484-5337 to make an appointment. Site documents are also available for review electronically at: www.EnviroStor.dtsc.ca.gov. For more information about the Maurer Marine project, contact Maryam Tasnif-Abbasi, DTSC Project Manager at (714) 484-5489 or Stacey Lear, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (714) 484-5354. For media enquiries, contact Sandy Nax, DTSC Public Information Officer at (916) 327-6114. For more information about DTSC, visit www.dtsc.ca.gov.

