

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.

CLEANUP PROPOSAL FOR THE FORMER SOUTHWEST METAL COMPANY PROPERTY SAN BERNARDINO, CA.

30-Day Public Comment Period: August 28, 2014
through September 29, 2014

Para información en español por favor comuníquese con Marina Perez al número (818) 717-6569.

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED? The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to comment on a proposed cleanup plan at the South West Metal Company (SMC), a 2 acre former battery recycling facility located at 740 W. Congress St., San Bernardino, California. Contamination in soil includes heavy metals, Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPHs), Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbon Compounds (PNAs), dioxins and furans. Based on the data collected to date, groundwater has not been impacted by historical operations, and monitoring of groundwater will continue for two years upon completion of the removal action. A draft Remedy Selection Document and a draft Removal Action Workplan (draft RAW) along with an Environmental Impact Assessment required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) has been developed in order to clean up the property, and is now open for public comment.

The selected remedy is excavation of contaminated soil with offsite disposal to a properly permitted disposal facility and continued groundwater monitoring. Excavations of contaminated soil will continue until confirmation samples meet the cleanup goals for protection of human health and the environment. The cleanup goals must meet the risk based criteria developed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and DTSC.

Why This Notice and How You Can Participate: This notice provides you an opportunity to learn more about the SMC property and submit comments on the draft RAW and the CEQA draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). The public comment period begins August 28, 2014, and ends on September 29, 2014. Public comments must be postmarked, or e-mailed, no later than Monday, September 29, 2014, and sent to Mr. Isaac Hirbawi, DTSC Project Manager, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630, e-mail: Isaac.Hirbawi@dtsc.ca.gov.

All site related documents are available for public review at the following location:

Feldheim Library, 555 W. 6th Street, San Bernardino, Ca 92410, Phone: 909-381-8201 or DTSC, 5796 Corporate Avenue, CA 90630. Phone: (714) 484-5337, or the DTSC EnviroStor website at: http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=36330036.

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