

COMMUNITY UPDATE

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated resources, enforcing hazardous waste laws, reducing hazardous waste generation, and encouraging the manufacture of chemically safer products.

PROPOSED RESPONSE PLAN FOR BARTON ROAD I-215 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, DEMETRI/A-1 CLEANERS PARCEL NOW AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW & COMMENT, CALIFORNIA

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites the public to review and comment on a proposed response plan to clean up soil contaminated with Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), including tetrachloroethylene (PCE) and trichloroethylene (TCE) at the former Demetri property, 21900 Barton Road, Grand Terrace, California. The property has been acquired by the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA), with the approximate eastern one-third planned for use in the I-215 Barton Road interchange improvement project.

Site History, Investigation and Findings

The eastern portion of the property was until recently occupied by Demetri's restaurant; an empty office building is present in the northern section. Both structures have been demolished. The central portion of the project property was once the location of a small strip mall. A dry cleaner occupied the northern leased space in the mall until the strip mall was damaged by fire in 2007. All structures associated with the retail business in this central portion of the property were removed after the fire and the area paved and subsequently used in the period since as Demetri's restaurant parking.

An environmental evaluation was conducted by SBCTA as part of the land acquisition process. Soil, groundwater and soil vapor samples were collected during the site assessment. Chemicals used in the dry cleaning process were detected in soil vapor samples, with highest concentrations in the vicinity of the former cleaner operation.

The proposed cleanup plan, called a Response Action (RA), describes in detail the proposed plan to excavate, remove and dispose of contaminated soil, and a soil gas sampling program to confirm no significant impact remains onsite. DTSC is the lead regulatory agency for approval of the RA.

Public Comment Period
April 3, – May 3, 2017



30-day Comment Period, April 3rd through May 3rd, 2016.

This fact sheet provides information on:

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

Please submit comments to:

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A public meeting has not been scheduled for this project (depends on feedback from survey returns).



Why Cleanup is Necessary

Based on the data collected from previous investigations, there are chemicals present in soil vapor at the site above DTSC's protective standards. Therefore, DTSC requires a response plan be developed and implemented to ensure long-term public health and safety of future on-site workers, visitors and the surrounding community. DTSC will oversee the proposed response 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 significant off-site exposures from site contaminants.

Proposed Response Plan (RA)

The Response Plan proposes excavation of soil that exists beneath the approximate former dry cleaner footprint. The excavation will generate approximately 925 cubic yards of soil, which will be stockpiled on the eastern side of the paved site away from residential areas until it is removed and taken to an appropriately licensed disposal facility (landfill).

Confirmation sampling and soil gas monitoring will be conducted to ensure cleanup goals have been achieved.

The excavated area will be finished at ground-surface, but not paved, as the property will be the site of heavy equipment operation for the interchange project. The site surface will be finished after the interchange

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 prevent on-site workers and the surrounding community from exposure to and nuisance from airborne dust during the proposed cleanup activities, the following 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 in order to prevent contaminated soil from being tracked onto streets.
- Truck(s) loads will be covered with a secure tarp before leaving the site for the approved disposal facility.

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 locations:

San Bernardino Association of Governments
(SANBAG)

1170 West Third Street, 2nd Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92410

Please phone Ms. Andrea Nieto, Project Manager, to make an appointment to view the file during normal 9AM to 5PM weekday business hours – (909) 889-8611, extension 146.

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Please contact Ms. Julie Johnson at (714) 484-5337 - Monday – Friday: 8 am – 5 pm to make an appointment.

You can also visit the DTSC EnviroStor online website at: www.EnviroStor.dtsc.ca.gov.

