Announcement of Scoping Meetings and Public Comment Period For Notice of Preparation for Draft Environmental Impact Report: Ascon Landfill Site, Huntington Beach, CA


What Is Being Proposed? - A Notice of Preparation (NOP) is available for public review and comment. The purpose of the NOP is to solicit guidance from agencies and stakeholders for the scope and content of the environmental information to be included in the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is the lead regulatory agency for the approval of a Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for the Ascon Landfill site. Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) DTSC determined an EIR should be prepared to solicit public input, evaluate environmental impacts and analyze alternatives. The Ascon Landfill site is a vacant 38-acre parcel at the southwest corner of Hamilton Avenue and Magnolia Street and is a former landfill that accepted oil field waste. Under DTSC oversight significant work has been conducted at the Ascon Landfill site, both to improve current site conditions and to further the planning for the final cleanup. Current work now focuses on the public process and environmental evaluation for the final remedy to remediate the site.

Upcoming Public Scoping Meetings - The first of two Public Scoping Meetings (for the local community) will be held Tuesday, April 23rd, 2013, at 6:00 pm, at Edison High School Cafeteria, 21400 Magnolia Street, Huntington Beach, 92646. This first Public Scoping Meeting is being held in the local neighborhood and is targeted for local community members. The second of two Public Scoping Meetings (for public agencies) will be held Wednesday, May 1st, 2013, at 1:00 pm, at City of Huntington Beach, City Council Chambers, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, 92648, and is targeted for public agencies, including City officials. Important Note: Each Public Scoping Meeting is intended to reach both the local community and public agencies, however both meetings are open to the general public and anyone is welcome to attend either meeting.

Information Repositories: Project documents including the NOP are available for electronic review on DTSC’s EnviroStor website at www.EnviroStor.dtsc.ca.gov. Hard copies of project documents including the NOP are available for public review at the following Information Repository locations:

- Huntington Beach Central Library
  7111 Talbert Avenue
  Huntington Beach, CA 92648
  (714) 842-4481

- Banning Branch Library
  9281 Banning Avenue
  Huntington Beach, CA 92646
  (714) 375-5005

- Dept. Toxic Substances Control
  5796 Corporate Avenue
  Cypress, CA 90630
  (714) 484-5337

How Do I Participate? – The 30-day public comment period begins April 4th, 2013 and ends May 3rd, 2013. Submit comments by May 3rd, 2013 to: Safouh Sayed, DTSC Project Manager, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630-4732, Safouh.Sayed@dtsc.ca.gov. For community outreach, contact Stacey Lear, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, (714) 484-5354, Stacey.Lear@dtsc.ca.gov. For media inquiries, contact Charlotte Fadipe, DTSC Public Information Officer, (916) 323-3393, Charlotte.Fadipe@dtsc.ca.gov.