

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.

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR PROPOSED GROUNDWATER CLEANUP AT KB GARDENA BUILDING, LLC SITE, GARDENA, CA Public Comment Period: October 24th, through November 24th, 2014

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED - The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites the public to review and comment on a draft plan to clean up contaminated groundwater present at the KG Gardena Building, LLC, (Site) located at 13720 South Western Avenue, in Gardena. The proposed cleanup plan, called a draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) Operable Unit (OU) 2, was developed specifically for the Site. The draft RAW OU-2 proposes in-situ chemical oxidation (ISCO) to break down volatile organic compounds (VOCs), predominately tetrachloroethene (PCE), trichloroethene (TCE), dichloroethene (DCE), vinyl chloride, and benzene that were found in groundwater. Groundwater monitoring and institutional controls are also proposed in the draft RAW OU-2. Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a Notice of Exemption (NOE) has been prepared, as the proposed cleanup actions will not have a significant negative impact on human health and the environment. There is **no** immediate health risk because on-site workers and the public are not exposed to the contaminated groundwater. Also, impacted groundwater is **not** a source of drinking water.

SITE HISTORY – Among historic and previous tenants at the site, manufacturing operations conducted by previous tenants were performed in the southern half of the building (Bays 3, 4, and 5) and included a metal parts finishing line with dip tanks, rinse tanks degreasers, and the floor drains connected by subsurface piping to the clarifier which discharged to the local industrial wastewater sewer system. Several surface drains in the alley on the east side of the Site collected rainwater from the roof and other surface water and were connected by subsurface piping running down the alley and which discharged to storm drain in 139th Street. It is believed that the majority of VOC releases to the subsurface occurred from these two subsurface drain systems. Sampling results determined these releases are at levels that require cleanup to protect on-site workers, human health and the environment. If the RAW OU-2 is approved, DTSC will oversee the cleanup activities and ensure work is performed in a manner protective of human health and the environment.

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE? – DTSC wants to know what you think of the draft RAW OU-2 for groundwater. **The 30-day public comment period for the draft RAW OU-2 begins October 24th, and ends November 24th, 2014. All public comments must be postmarked or e-mailed no later than November 24th, 2014, and sent to:** Dr. Chand Sultana, DTSC Project Manager, 9211 Oakdale Avenue, Chatsworth, CA 91311-6505, e-mail: Chand.Sultana@dtsc.ca.gov.

WHERE DO I GET INFORMATION? The draft RAW OU-2, CEQA NOE and other related project documents are available for public review at the following locations:

Masao W. Satao Library
14433 Crenshaw Boulevard
Gardena, CA 90249-3142
(310) 679-0638 Call for hours

Dept. Toxic Substances Control
9211 Oakdale Avenue
Chatsworth, CA 91311-6505
(818) 717-6500 Call for an appt.

You may also view project documents electronically at www.EnviroStor.dtsc.ca.gov, or at the DTSC office in Chatsworth.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: If you have questions on the draft RAW OU-2, CEQA NOE or other project documents, please contact Dr. Chand Sultana, DTSC Project Manager, 9211 Oakdale Avenue, Chatsworth, CA 91311-6505, (818) 717-6552 or via e-mail: Chand.Sultana@dtsc.ca.gov, or Stacey Lear, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630-4732, (714) 484-5354 or via e-mail: Stacey.Lear@dtsc.ca.gov. For media inquiries, contact Sandy Nax, DTSC Public Information Officer, (916) 327-6114.

