

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.

Kaiser Permanente – Redwood City Draft Removal Action Workplan Available for Review

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the Kaiser Permanente – Redwood City Site (Site), located at 1100 Veterans Boulevard in Redwood City, California 94603. The draft RAW is a cleanup plan to address volatile organic compounds, or VOCs, at the Site where a new medical office building and parking structure are to be constructed. The draft RAW summarizes past investigations and cleanup alternatives based on their effectiveness, ability to implement, and cost, and presents a proposed remedy for the Site.

DTSC is responsible for protecting Californians against threats to public health and the environment through hazardous waste regulation, contamination cleanup, and pollution prevention. DTSC is overseeing the investigation and cleanup at the Site, and encourages your participation in the decision-making process.

SITE BACKGROUND

The approximately 1.9-acre Site is bounded by Marshall Court to the west, Maple Street to the east, Marshall Street to the south, and the Kaiser Medical Center to the north. Until recently, there were five Kaiser Permanente buildings on the southeast portion of the Site. Two buildings have been removed down to the concrete slabs and the other buildings are vacant and targeted to be demolished in preparation for redevelopment of the Site. Kaiser Permanente, the current Site owner, is proposing to construct a four-story medical office building with a three-story underground parking structure. The Site and the surrounding properties are generally medical, office, and commercial buildings.

ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS

Investigations were conducted at the Site in 2015 and 2016. These investigations found VOCs in the soil, soil gas and groundwater. The groundwater beneath the Site is not used for drinking water. The VOCs found are tetrachloroethene (PCE), trichloroethene (TCE), and cis-1,2-dichloroethene (cis-1,2-DCE). The contamination

Public Comment Period



February 12, 2018—March 14, 2018

DTSC invites you to review and comment on the draft RAW for the Site. All comments must be mailed or e-mailed by **March 14, 2018** to:

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onsite is from an unknown source. Additionally, there is contamination migrating onto the Site from a nearby offsite source.

PROPOSED REMEDY

The draft RAW proposes soil excavation with dewatering and groundwater monitoring as the cleanup plan. The redevelopment plan calls for excavation of approximately 77,000 cubic yards of soil for the underground parking structure. As part of the excavation for the underground parking structure, contaminated soil will be removed. If the draft cleanup plan is approved, we estimate 14,500 cubic yards (about 800 truck-loads) of contaminated soil would need to be removed and disposed. Groundwater would need to be pumped from the excavation, treated by granular activated carbon onsite to remove the VOCs. Once it is confirmed the VOCs are removed the water would be discharged under a permit from the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Groundwater monitoring would be conducted after the completion of the construction activities. This remedy would reduce the risks of exposure to people, and would allow for unrestricted future use at the Site.

SAFETY CONTROLS DURING CLEANUP

To protect the surrounding community and workers during work activities, the following measures would be done:

- Water would be sprayed during soil excavation and handling to control dust.
- The trucks hauling soil would be covered prior to leaving the Site to prevent dust release.
- Air and dust monitoring using hand held equipment would be conducted at the perimeter to safeguard the surrounding community.

DTSC will distribute a Work Notice to the community prior to the start of cleanup activities. The excavation for the redevelopment is expected to take approximately 3 months to complete.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

The City of Redwood City (City) is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The City has prepared an addendum to the 2003 Kaiser Permanente Redwood City Medical Center Master Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR). This EIR addendum addresses the potential environmental impacts from the redevelopment project for the Site, including the removal actions identified in the draft RAW. DTSC, as a Responsible Agency under CEQA for the cleanup portion of the project, intends to rely on the City's EIR and EIR Addendum in issuing its approval for the cleanup project. After EIR addendum certification by the City, DTSC will prepare draft CEQA findings and will file a Notice of Determination with the State Clearinghouse if the project is approved.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

DTSC will review and consider all comments received during the public comment period before making a final decision to approve, modify or deny the draft RAW. If comments are received from the community on the draft RAW, DTSC will prepare a Response to Comments at the end of the public comment period. We will send the Response to Comments document to all those who comment and make it available in the information repositories listed below.



INFORMATION REPOSITORIES

The draft RAW is available for review at the following locations:

Redwood City Public Library
1044 Middlefield Road
Redwood City, CA 94063
(650) 780-7018; call for hours

DTSC File Room
700 Heinz Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94710
(510) 540-3800; call for an appointment

You can also view the draft RAW on DTSC's EnviroStor database at:

<http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>

To find documents for the Kaiser Permanente – Redwood City Site on the Envirostor database, click on “Site/Facility Search”, enter “60002490” in the Site Code field, then click on the “Report” link next to the Site name.

Sign up for DTSC email alerts notifying you when new Site documents are available by clicking at the top right link on the EnviroStor report page for this Site. To learn more about DTSC, please visit our website at www.dtsc.ca.gov

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