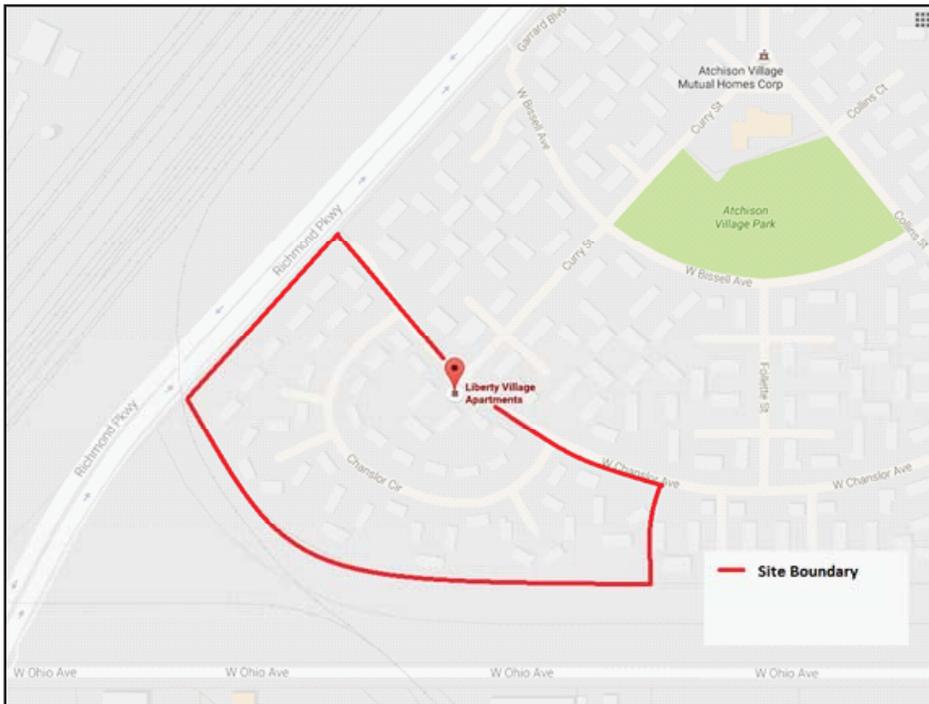


COMMUNITY UPDATE

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.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN UP PLAN FOR THE LIBERTY VILLAGE APARTMENTS SITE



Public Comment Period



**October 14, 2016 –
November 14, 2016**

DTSC will accept public comments on the draft RAW for the Site during the public comment period **October 14, 2016 – November 14, 2016**. All comments must be received by **November 14, 2016** and sent to:

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The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the Liberty Village Apartments (Site) located at 298 West Chanslor Avenue in Richmond, California 94801 (Site). Environmental investigations found elevated levels of lead in soil that could pose a risk to human health and the environment. The draft RAW is a cleanup plan to address the soil contamination. DTSC would oversee the proposed cleanup of the contamination at the Site, and encourages your participation in the cleanup decision-making process.

SITE HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

The Site was undeveloped until 1940, when 50 residential duplex houses were built by the federal government to house employees who were employed by Kaiser Shipyards. The Site has been used for residential purposes from 1940 through the present.

INVESTIGATION FINDINGS

During Site investigations, the railroad spur located immediately beyond the southern Site boundary was identified as a potential environmental concern. The railroad spur has been in operation since at least 1916. Soil samples from the Site have been collected and analyzed for polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), petroleum hydrocarbons, arsenic and lead. However, only lead was found at concentrations above regulatory screening levels. This contamination is likely associated with brake linings or from emissions from coal-burning steam trains.

PROPOSED REMOVAL ACTION

The proposed removal action is to excavate and dispose the contaminated soil off-site at a permitted facility. If approved, approximately 162 cubic yards of contaminated soil will be excavated and disposed off-site. Soil excavation, handling, and stockpiling would be performed in a manner which limits and controls the mixing of contaminated soil with uncontaminated soil. This removal action would reduce the human health risks to levels that would allow unrestricted land use across all areas of the Site.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

DTSC has determined the project will to not have a significant effect on the environment and will be exempt from the provisions of CEQA. Class 30 consists of any minor cleanup actions taken to prevent, minimize, stabilize, mitigate, or eliminate the release or threat of release of a hazardous waste or substance, including small or medium removal actions costing \$1 million or less.

NEXT STEPS

DTSC will review and consider 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 completion of the public comment period. Anyone who submits comments will receive a copy of the “Response to Comments”. Additionally, a copy of the “Response to Comments” would be placed in the information repositories.

INFORMATION REPOSITORIES

The draft RAW, and project-related documents can be viewed at:

City of Richmond
West Side Branch Library
135 Washington Avenue
Richmond, California 94801
(510) 620-6567; Call for hours

DTSC Regional Office File Room
700 Heinz Avenue
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or DTSC Envirostor website:

www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/

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