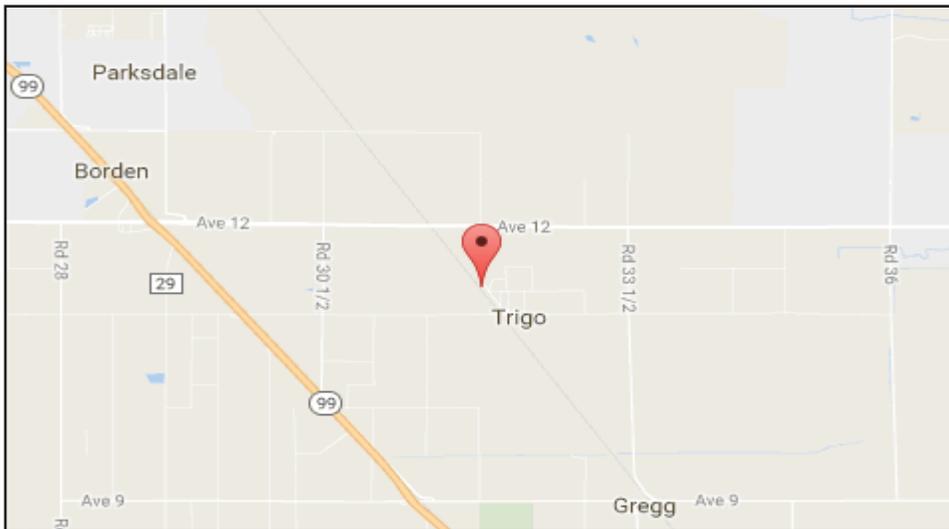


COMMUNITY UPDATE

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.

DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN FOR THE FORMER MACGILLIS AND GIBBS POLE TREATMENT FACILITY SITE



A draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) has been prepared for the Former MacGillis and Gibbs Pole Treatment Facility (Site) located at 11272 Road 32 in Madera County, California 93636. The approximately 25-acre Site, was a wood treatment facility that operated from 1959 to 1983. The facility structures were removed in the early 1990s. The facility used pentachlorophenol (PCP) and chromate copper arsenate (CCA) as preservatives for utility poles and other various wood products. The land is owned by BNSF and leased to the Site during operations.

Environmental investigations conducted at the Site found PCP, polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins and polychlorinated dibenzofurans (PCDDs/PCDFs), and total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) in a “perched groundwater” zone beneath the Site. The source of the contamination in the groundwater is from the release of chemicals used in the wood treatment operation. Wood treatment involves penetrating preservative solutions into the wood to preserve its resistance to weathering, water, and ground contact.

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will oversee the cleanup activities proposed in the draft RAW. We invite you to review and comment on the draft RAW, which describes the investigations carried out at the Site and evaluate the remedy.

Public Comment Period



March 28, 201 - April 27, 2018

DTSC will accept public comments on the draft RAW for the Site during the public comment period

March 28, 2018 - April 27, 2018. All comments must be received by **April 27, 2018**. Send all comments to:

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SITE HISTORY AND INVESTIGATIONS

The Site was a 25-acre wood preserving facility that operated from 1959 to 1983. The Site is no longer active. The facility used chemicals to preserve utility poles and other various wood products. Operations included the Former Process Area, Former Cooling Pond Area, and Former Wood Storage Area. The facility structures were removed in the early 1990s.

Environmental investigations found high concentrations of contamination in the groundwater in the southern portion of the Site, in the Former Southern Wood Storage Area. Contamination was also found beneath the Former Process Area and in the northern portion of the Site near the Former Cooling Pond. Ongoing monitoring since 1989 indicates the contaminated groundwater does not extend offsite and has not been detected in the Regional Aquifer Wells sampled in the Trigo Community through 2015.

PROPOSED CLEANUP ALTERNATIVES

Four cleanup selection alternatives were evaluated in the draft RAW. They are described in detail in the draft RAW, but are summarized below.

Alternative 1: No Action

Alternative 2: Monitored Natural Attenuation

Alternative 3: Groundwater Extraction and Advanced Oxidation Treatment

Alternative 4: Groundwater Extraction and Carbon Adsorption

PROPOSED CLEANUP ALTERNATIVE

The proposed cleanup alternative is Alternative 2, Monitored Natural Attenuation. This alternative does not include any removal of contamination; rather it is based on the idea that the contamination will reduce naturally over time. The groundwater will be monitored annually to verify that contaminants decrease or remain stable in the perched groundwater, and continue to remain non-detect in the regional groundwater. Monitoring will be conducted for six years (five years of monitoring prior to five-year review and one additional

year of monitoring during final review and approval for closure by DTSC). Monitoring of the groundwater would then be discontinued and the wells will be closed.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE). CEQA is a statute that requires State and local agencies to identify the significant environmental impacts of their actions and to avoid or mitigate those impacts, if possible. DTSC prepared a draft NOE. This document indicates there will be no significant environmental impacts that may result from this project. The draft NOE will be made available for public review, along with other supporting documents in the information repositories.

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, 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 document, in addition, a copy will be placed in the information repositories listed below.

INFORMATION REPOSITORIES

The draft RAW, draft NOE and other related documents may be viewed at the following locations:

Madera County Library Central Library

121 N G Street

Madera, California 93637

(559) 675-7871; Call for hours

DTSC – Clovis Regional Office File room

1515 Tollhouse Road

Clovis, California 93611

(559) 297-3902, Call for an appointment



Site documents are also available on-line at: www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov. At the webpage search bar, type in MacGillis and Gibbs. The “Sites/Facilities” information will appear. Click on “View Information”, the summary page for “MacGillis and Gibbs” will appear. Click on “Site Facility Docs”, where you can access project related documents.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The following individuals may be contacted with any questions or concerns you may have regarding the project.

For questions regarding the draft RAW and general project details, contact Danny Domingo, Project Manager, at (559) 297-3932 or Danny.Domingo@dtsc.ca.gov.

For questions regarding the public participation process, contact Tammy Pickens, Public Participation Specialist, at (916) 255-3594, 1-866-495-5651 or Tammy.Pickens@dtsc.ca.gov.

For questions from the Media, contact Russ Edmondson, Public Information Officer at (916) 323-3372 or Russ.Edmondson@dtsc.ca.gov.

