

Public Notice

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

MADERA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: MARCH 28, 2018 — APRIL 27, 2018

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED? The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) 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.

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.

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.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE? DTSC encourages you to take this opportunity to review the draft Response Plan during the public comment period from **March 28, 2018 - April 27, 2018**. All comments must be received by **April 27, 2018**. Send comments to: Danny Domingo, 1515 Tollhouse Road in Clovis, California 93611 or Danny.Domingo@dtsc.ca.gov.

INFORMATION REPOSITORIES: Copies of the draft RAW and project-related documents can be viewed at:

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

NOTICE TO HEARING IMPAIRED: TTY users may use the California Relay Service @ 711 or 1-800-855-7100. You may also contact the Public Participation Specialist listed at the end of this update.

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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.

