

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 Work Plans; Areas of Concern 033-007, 048, 056 DU06, 060 & 104, and 125-013 – U.S. Department of Energy Para información en español por favor comuníquese con Elsa Lopez al número (818) 717-6566.

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED? The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announces a **30-day public comment period from March 28 through April 26, 2018**, on five Draft Removal Action Plans (Draft RAWs) for six Sites; *Area of Concern (AOC) 056 DU06, AOC 033-007, AOC 048, AOC 060, AOC 104, and AOC 125-013*, along with the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for these AOCs. The Draft RAWs were prepared as part of the ongoing former Naval Petroleum Reserve (NPR-1) Closure Project in the Elk Hills Oil Field of Kern County, California.

The NPR-1 was created by an Executive Order in 1912 to preserve potential petroleum resources for national defense purposes. Pursuant to Public Law 104-106, passed in February 1996, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) was required to sell the United States' lands and hydrocarbon interests in NPR-1. DOE transferred the Federal Government's interests in NPR-1 to Occidental Petroleum Corporation (Occidental), effective October 1, 1997. In 2014, Occidental transferred the property to California Resources Corporation, who now operates the Elk Hills Oil Field under the name of California Resources Elk Hills, LLC. DOE and DTSC entered into an Agreement for Site Assessment in 1998 which was subsequently amended and, in 2008, a Corrective Action Consent Agreement was signed in which DOE agreed to complete the corrective action process at 131 Solid Waste Management Units and/or AOCs, including AOC 033-007, AOC 048, AOC 056 DU06, AOC 060, AOC 104, and AOC 125-013. DTSC will oversee soil removal actions planned to take place consecutively for these AOCs.

DOE assessed existing soil conditions and determined that the six AOCs have contaminated soil above risk-based screening levels. These Draft RAWs describe alternatives, its evaluations, and present DOE's proposals to remove contaminated soil from the AOCs. The soil will be disposed at an appropriate California landfill. Post-excavation sampling will be conducted to confirm the remedial actions were successful in removing all contaminated soil. Each Draft RAW includes a Transportation and Waste Management Plan that provides procedures for soil handling and disposal, as well as transportation routes.

As required by California Law, DTSC performed a review of the proposed five Draft RAWs in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Based on that review, DTSC has determined that these projects will not have any significant effect on public health or the environment. DTSC proposes to issue a CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration for all projects listed above. The Draft RAWs and CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration are being circulated for a 30-day public review period from March 28 through April 26, 2018. Public comments must be postmarked or e-mailed by April 26, 2018. DTSC Environmental Justice and Tribal Affairs (EJTA) has reviewed the Tribal Outreach process utilized by DOE and concurs that this process meets with DTSC's EJTA outreach and consultation objectives.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE? DTSC encourages you to review and provide comments on Draft RAWs and CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration. Public comments may be postmarked or e-mailed by April 26, 2018, to: Thomas Berg, Project Manager, DTSC, 1515 Tollhouse Road, Clovis, CA 93611-0522; Phone: (559) 297-3978; E-mail: Thomas.Berg@dtsc.ca.gov.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION? A copy of each Draft RAW is available at the following locations: Taft Library 27 Emmons Park Drive, Taft, CA 93268, Phone: (661) 763-3294; DTSC Clovis Office, 1515 Tollhouse Road, Clovis, CA 93611, (559)297-3901; and the DTSC EnviroStor Website: http://www.EnviroStor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=80001254 (Click the "Community Involvement" tab)

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