

# Public Notice

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances through the restoration of contaminated resources, enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.

## Proposed Cleanup Plan for former Arbo Box Site (aka Rippy Site) in Whittier, Now Available for Public Review and Comment

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: August 29th, 2013 – September 30th, 2013**

**What Is Being Proposed?** – A proposed cleanup plan, called a draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) is available for public review and comment for the former Arbo Box Site (aka Rippy Site), located at 12468 Putnam Street, in Whittier. Mixed commercial and industrial properties border the northern, western, and southern boundaries. Situated on the two-acre site is an industrial building with a paved parking lot/storage area to the northeast and former storage areas to the southwest. The draft RAW, if approved, proposes excavation, removal, transportation and disposal of soil contaminated with arsenic and limited chlorinated pesticides at the site. To comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC conducted a preliminary project review and found that impacts would be less than significant, and a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) has been prepared. There is **no** immediate health risk because the public is not exposed to the contaminated soil. The contaminated soil is covered and groundwater is not impacted by the site. However, because exposure to elevated levels of site contaminants found in soil can cause adverse health effects, DTSC recommends a cleanup plan be developed and implemented to ensure on-site workers and the public are not exposed to soil impacts.

**Information Repositories:** The draft RAW and CEQA NOE is available for electronic review on DTSC's EnviroStor website at [www.EnviroStor.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.EnviroStor.dtsc.ca.gov). Hard copies of the draft RAW and CEQA NOE is available for public review at the following Information Repository locations indicated below:

Whittier Public Library  
7344 S. Washington Avenue  
Whittier, CA 90602-1730  
(714) 842-4481 Call for hours

Dept. Toxic Substances Control  
5796 Corporate Avenue  
Cypress, CA 90630-4732  
(714) 484-5337 Call for an appointment

**How To Participate:** A 30-day public comment period is being held to receive public comments on the draft RAW. The 30-day public comment period begins **August 29th, 2013 and ends September 30th, 2013**. Submit public comments on the draft RAW by **September 30th, 2013** to: Joseph Cully, DTSC Project Manager, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630-4732, e-mail: [Joseph.Cully@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Joseph.Cully@dtsc.ca.gov).

**Who to Contact at DTSC for More Information:** For questions on the former Arbo Box Site (aka Rippy Site), please contact Joseph Cully, DTSC Project Manager, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630-4732, (714) 484-5473, e-mail: [Joseph.Cully@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Joseph.Cully@dtsc.ca.gov). For community outreach, contact Stacey Lear, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630-4732, (714) 484-5354, e-mail: [Stacey.Lear@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Stacey.Lear@dtsc.ca.gov). For media inquiries, contact Sandy Nax, DTSC Public Information Officer, (916) 327-6114, e-mail: [Sandy.Nax@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Sandy.Nax@dtsc.ca.gov). *For more information about our department, please visit our website at [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov).*