

SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY
1450 SHERWIN STREET, EMERYVILLE
EXTENDED WORK HOURS REQUESTED
August 2011

OVERVIEW

Sherwin-Williams' site remediation contractors are requesting that DTSC and the City of Emeryville (City) grant an extension of work hours for limited activities to be conducted at the site located at 1450 Sherwin Street this fall. The reason for the request is to make up for time lost due to unanticipated delays at project start-up and constraints of rail loading, as well as technical requirements for the interceptor trench slurry wall construction approved as part of the site remediation plan.

The following changes to work hours and days are being requested: 1) Monday through Friday termination of work hours would be extended from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for rail car loading at the north end of the property; 2) Monday through Friday termination of work hours would be extended from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. for truck loading; 3) Monday through Friday work hours would be extended from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., for on-site cleanup and HydroSealing of remaining stockpiles; 4) Saturdays would be added to the schedule with work hours of 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. for rail car loading; and 5) slurry wall/trench work would be continued over several weekends (possibly both Saturday and Sunday) due to technical constraints associated with the use of slurry materials in trenches below the water table. In consideration of the surrounding community, work activities will be limited on site during extended hours (e.g. no excavation or concrete breaking work will be done), and backup beepers would be disabled on weekends.

REASON FOR REQUEST

Sherwin-Williams is requesting the Saturday work and extended evening work hours in order to address unanticipated delays at project start-up keep the site remediation project on schedule and avoid extending the work into the rainy season.

Sherwin-Williams is requesting limited weekend work (four Saturdays/ Sundays) for the interceptor trench construction, slurry wall breaching and slurry wall installation. These elements require a trenching method that uses a bio-polymer slurry to keep the trench open during construction activities. It is anticipated that this work could require one weekend in September, one weekend in October, and up to two weekends in November.

PROPOSED CHANGES

The paragraphs below describe exactly what is envisioned for three different types of activities: truck loading, rail car loading and trenching activities, including: interceptor trench; slurry wall breach, and slurry wall construction.

Truck Loading

Proposal is to have the flexibility to extend normal work hours for truck loading from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Trucks could be seen entering and exiting the Site up to 7 p.m. on weekdays. An additional hour (to 8 p.m.) would be needed to complete site cleanup and application of HydroSeal to remaining stockpiles. Approximately ten trucks could be filled during the additional work hour. Use of flaggers on Halleck Street would also be extended to assure safe traffic conditions and priority ingress/egress for residents.

Rail Car Loading

Proposed hours for rail car loading on weekdays would extend to 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday would be from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for faster removal of excavated hazardous materials from the site.

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Trenching

Interceptor trench construction, slurry wall breaching and slurry wall installation require a trenching method that uses a bio-polymer slurry to keep the trench open during construction activities. Bio-polymer slurries must be regularly observed and kept “alive” with added material (guar) in order for the slurry to remain viscous to maintain wall stability in trenches below the water table. Sherwin-Williams is requesting that Saturday and possibly Sunday work be allowed during interceptor trench construction, slurry wall breach and slurry wall construction to avoid having the slurry becoming thinned (or weakened) by an in-flow of ground water. It is anticipated that this work could require one weekend in September, one weekend in October, and up to two weekends in November.

DTSC OVERSIGHT

DTSC will continue to provide oversight: that is, periodic unannounced inspection visits, including during extended hours work, review of daily monitoring reports and project updates, and review of hotline calls and follow-up.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have questions about the proposed work hours extension, please contact Mara Feeney at (415) 863-8760 or mara@marafeeney.com. Several meetings have been scheduled with community groups to provide further information, answer questions, and provide an opportunity for comment. Additional community meetings will be considered if requested. The City Council is expected to consider this application at its September 6 meeting.

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