

**Fact Sheet
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Soil Removal Resumes



DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC
SUBSTANCES CONTROL

UNION PACIFIC RAIL YARD, SACRAMENTO

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What does this fact sheet tell you?

This fact sheet gives you information about:

- recent changes in the ownership of the Union Pacific Rail Yard property, 3675 West Pacific Avenue;
- the cleanup plans for the rest of the summer and fall;
- an updated design plan for cleanup of soil containing asbestos.

How does the change in ownership affect cleanup?

In February 2003, Union Pacific Railroad sold the inactive, unused portion (63 acres) of their Rail Yard to Curtis Park Village, a partnership of Renova Partners and Petrovich Development. Curtis Park Village states that they will clean up a greater portion of the site to unrestricted use than the 50% specified in previous design documents. Also, they plan to submit a land use plan to the City of Sacramento this fall. Union Pacific Railroad still owns the switching yard and ultimately remains responsible for the cleanup of the entire site. However, under Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) oversight, Curtis Park Village will now complete the environmental cleanup of the Rail Yard.

What cleanup will happen this summer and fall?

In August 2003, Curtis Park Village will start soil cleanup activities. They will remove the railroad's leftover soil stockpiles and place them into rail cars for shipment to an authorized landfill.

After this, Curtis Park Village will begin digging in the central portion of the Rail Yard. The area's soil may contain lead, arsenic, petroleum hydrocarbons, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and asbestos. They will use excavators, loaders, dump trucks and water trucks. Workers will stockpile polluted soil in a fenced and gated area on the western side of the Rail Yard next to the switching yard before loading into rail cars. Curtis Park Village plans to remove all stockpiles before the end of each dry season. They will collect soil samples where digging occurred to confirm that they have adequately removed the polluted soil.

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How will they control dust?

At all times when Curtis Park Village workers disturb soil, they will use water trucks to moisten it and control dust. Curtis Park Village will use air monitors on the perimeter of the Rail Yard and within work areas. The monitors will measure dust and contaminant levels. Workers will check the monitors regularly to see that they continue to have safe air levels. If high winds come up, workers will stop all soil moving activities immediately.

How will they handle soil with asbestos?

Under DTSC and Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District oversight, Curtis Park Village has designed plans to remove soil with small scattered residual pieces of asbestos. These plans include ways to identify asbestos and ways to handle it. Also, they include plans for worker safety and air monitors. These plans are now part of the cleanup design for this year's soil removal.

The plan includes the following:

- Asbestos awareness
 - trained workers will constantly check for asbestos during digging and loading of soil;
- Air monitoring
 - increased air monitoring to make sure workers will conduct digging and loading of soil containing asbestos below allowable air levels;
 - if asbestos appear in the air above the allowable levels, workers will stop work to see what they need to do to lower the asbestos levels in the air;

■ Digging, stockpiling and loading processes

- asbestos trained workers will do the work;
- workers will modify methods and digging equipment to minimize dust;
- workers will use water to keep soil moist preventing asbestos fibers from becoming airborne;
- workers will isolate soil containing asbestos from other soil stockpiles;
- workers will use lined roll-off bins designed for asbestos waste and mount them on rail cars for disposal;
- workers will do soil sampling to confirm that they have removed all asbestos in areas where they found it.

■ Worker protection

- contractors will meet all Cal OSHA asbestos standards and regulations;
- workers will do work with asbestos only in restricted asbestos work areas;
- workers will receive training on asbestos and Curtis Park Village will provide appropriate personal protective equipment.

Information Sources

If you wish to review any work plans or cleanup reports, please visit any of the following repositories:

Belle Coolegge Library
Reference Librarian
5600 South Land Park Drive
Sacramento CA 95822
(916) 264-2700

Sacramento City College Library
Reference Desk
3835 Freeport Blvd
Sacramento CA 95822
(916) 558-2461

Sacramento City Clerk
730 I Street, Room 211
Sacramento CA 95814
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The full administrative record is available for public review at the DTSC Sacramento Office, 8800 Cal Center Dr., Sacramento, CA 95826. To make an appointment to view the administrative record, please call Jennifer Thomas at (916) 255-3758. If you have questions, please feel free to contact:

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Notice to the Hearing Impaired:

You can use your TDD to obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378. Ask them to contact Nathan Schumacher at (916) 255-3650 regarding the Curtis Park Rail Yard.

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