

COMMUNITY UPDATE

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.

PROPOSED DRAFT INTERIM MEASURES WORKPLAN & CEQA, DUCOMMUN AEROSTRUCTURES, EL MIRAGE, CALIFORNIA

Para información en español por favor comuníquese con Jesus Cruz al número (916) 869-5440.

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on an Interim Measures Workplan for Ducommun AeroStructures (Site), located at 4001 El Mirage Road, El Mirage, California 92301.

What is being proposed?

The draft Interim Measures Workplan proposes to remove and control the migration of chlorinated solvents and hexavalent chromium in the soil and groundwater at the Ducommun AeroStructures facility (Site). The Site is located at 4001 El Mirage Road, El Mirage, San Bernardino County. The Site is surrounded to the north and west by current/former agricultural properties, and to the south and east by undeveloped areas.

The proposed project would involve construction of additional groundwater monitoring wells and one new groundwater extraction well, operation of a groundwater extraction system to remove chlorinated solvents and hexavalent chromium from groundwater, operation of a soil vapor extraction system to remove chlorinated solvents beneath the main plant building, and provide bottled drinking water to nearby residents as needed.

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) serves as the lead agency in overseeing the investigation and cleanup of this site. Our mission is to protect public health and the environment

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): In compliance with the CEQA, the DTSC has prepared a Negative Declaration and Initial Study (ND/IS) for this project. The ND/IS states that the work proposed in the IM Workplan will have no significant negative impact on the environment.

Site Location and History: The site is located at the intersection of El Mirage Road and Sheep Creek Road in the community of El Mirage, Ca. Facility operations at the Site began in 1967 with construction of the site by Anadite, Inc. The Site was purchased by Aerochem, Inc. in 1978 and has continued to conduct chemical milling operations since that time. The Site name was changed in 2001 to Ducommun AeroStructures.

Anadite disposed of neutralized wastewater from their operations in an unlined percolation pond until Aerochem purchased the facility. Aerochem constructed

Public Comment Period



September 4 through October 5, 2015

DTSC encourages you to review and comment on the Interim Measures Workplan. The Interim Measures Workplan and other project related documents are available for review at the locations listed in this document on the second page.

DTSC will provide a final approval decision after all public comments have been reviewed. Please submit written comments postmarked, or emailed by October 5, 2015 to:

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A public meeting is scheduled for 7.45 p.m. on September 17, 2015 at the El Mirage Community Center, 1588 Milton Street, El Mirage, CA 92301.



a lined surface impoundment in one corner of the closed percolation pond and operated until the surface impoundment and percolation pond were both closed in 1992. Monitoring associated with the closed pond detected chlorinated solvent contamination in groundwater beneath the facility, resulting in an extensive assessment program. An increase in groundwater contaminant levels in the northwest portion of the facility in 2000 resulted in the initiation of groundwater pumping to control the migration of contaminated groundwater.

In an effort to maintain control and reduce both the concentration and migration of these contaminants, the facility is proposing specific Interim Measures until a final corrective action can be determined.

Proposed Interim Measures: In addition to the system of 41 existing monitoring wells already installed, eight new monitoring wells designed to monitor lower water-bearing zones in the affected area are proposed. Two existing groundwater extraction wells used to capture contaminated groundwater and prevent offsite migrating will be supplemented by one additional extraction well. Contaminated groundwater removed by the groundwater pumping system will be transported by tanker truck for disposal at an offsite facility.

Replacement drinking water provision will be continued until additional Site investigations indicate well water is safe.

The main source of the chlorinated solvents in the groundwater is known to be concentrated beneath the main plant building. The specific source of contamination will be determined through ongoing investigation. To remove this source of groundwater contamination, an existing Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE) system will be operated.

This system will extract soil vapors through wells installed in the soil within the main plant building area. Extracted air from the SVE system will be cleaned and vented into the atmosphere under permit from the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District.

Next Steps: At the close of the public comment period, DTSC will review and consider all public comments and assess the adequacy of the Interim Measures Workplan prior to final approval. A Response to Comments document will be mailed to anyone who makes a comment and provides a name and address.

Where you can find information: A copy of the Interim Measures Workplan and other pertinent documents are available at the following location:

Phelan Memorial Library, 9800 Clovis Road
Phelan, Ca. Call: (760) 868-8053 for library hours.

And the same documents are also available at:

DTSC file room at 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630. Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., contact Jone Barrio, phone: (714) 484-5337. You can also visit the DTSC EnviroStor online website at:

http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=80001712

Who to contact for more information

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