



Department of  
Toxic Substances  
Control

*Our mission is  
to provide the  
highest level of  
safety, and to  
protect public  
health and the  
environment  
from toxic  
harm.*



State of California



California  
Environmental  
Protection Agency

## Corrective Measures Proposal for the General Plating Company Facility

*Si desea información en español, comuníquese con Jeanne Garcia al (818) 717-6573*

The Corrective Measures Proposal (CMP) for the former General Plating Company Facility (Site) is available for public review and comment. The CMP presents the proposed final remedy for corrective action at the Site. The 0.32-acre Facility is located at 951 West Vernon Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90037.

### Why Corrective Action is Necessary

The facility investigation revealed heavy metal and Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) contamination in onsite soil. Exposures to these contaminants may pose a risk to human health.

### What are the Contaminants

The heavy metals include arsenic, cadmium, lead, and mercury. Heavy metals can be found in batteries and paint pigments. The VOCs include 1,1-Dichloroethene, trichloroethene, and tetrachloroethylene. VOCs are typically found in industrial solvents, but are also found in gasoline.

### History and Operations at General Plating Company

The Site was initially developed as a gasoline station in 1923. In 1938, while still in use as a fuel station, metal plating and polishing operations began onsite (automotive related). Metal plating and polishing continued until 2006. Onsite buildings were removed in late January 2007. The Site is currently comprised of vacant and undeveloped land with sparse vegetation and is planned to be redeveloped as a residential apartment complex.

### 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD January 27, 2011 through February 28, 2011

Your participation is encouraged. The proposed cleanup plan, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Draft Notice of Exemption, and other related project documents for the Site are available for public review and comment at the locations listed on page 2. We will make a final decision after all public comment has been reviewed and considered. Please submit written comments postmarked or emailed by **February 28, 2011**, to:

Jermaine Nora, Project Manager, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630.  
E-mail: [jnora@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:jnora@dtsc.ca.gov), FAX: 714-484-5438.

A public meeting has not been scheduled during the public comment period.



## Proposed Corrective Measures

The following corrective measures were evaluated in the CMP:

- Alternative 1 – No Action
- Alternative 2 – Capping and Land Use Covenant
- Alternative 3 – Removal of Near Surface Contaminants, Vapor Barrier, and Land Use Covenant

Based on careful analysis, Alternative 3 is the proposed final remedy for the Site because it is protective of human health and the environment.

If this alternative is approved, heavy metal contaminated soil within 5 feet of the Site's surface will be excavated and disposed offsite, a soil vapor barrier will also be installed beneath future ground floor apartments, and a Land Use Covenant will be implemented to ensure that the vapor barrier remains intact and to prevent excavation of metal impacted soil without prior DTSC notification and consent.

## California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Under CEQA, DTSC must evaluate whether the proposed cleanup actions may have any significant adverse impacts on human health and the environment. DTSC has determined that the proposed cleanup actions will not have any significant adverse impacts on the environment due to the controlled manner in which the cleanup will be undertaken. Our findings are documented in a Draft Notice of Exemption which is available at the locations listed in this fact sheet.

## Next Steps

At the end of the Public Comment Period, DTSC will review and consider all public comments received, and make any necessary revisions to the CMP based on the comments. A Response to Comments document will be mailed to everyone who submits a comment and provides their name and address.

## Where to Find the Documents

The CMP and other related documents for the proposed final remedy for the Site are available for review at the following locations:

### Vermont Square Branch Library

1201 West 48<sup>th</sup> Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90037  
Phone: (323) 290-7405

### Department of Toxic Substances Control

5796 Corporate Avenue  
Cypress, CA 90630  
Hours: 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.  
Contact: Julie Johnson for an appointment  
(714) 484-5337

### Documents Available Via the Web at:

[http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile\\_report.asp?global\\_id=71002760](http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=71002760)  
(Click the "Activities" tab to see the documents)

### Who to Contact for More Information

If you have any questions about this Fact Sheet or the CMP, please contact:

Jermaine Nora  
DTSC Project Manager  
(714) 484-5324, [jnora@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:jnora@dtsc.ca.gov)

Tim Chauvel  
DTSC Public Participation Specialist  
(714) 484-5487  
(866) 495-5651 (toll free) choose option "4" and press 2, [tchauvel@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:tchauvel@dtsc.ca.gov)

Jeanne Garcia  
DTSC Public Information Officer  
(818) 717-6573  
[JGgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:JGgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov)

### Notice to Hearing-Impaired Individuals and Community Members that require Translation

All documents made available to the public by the DTSC can be made available in alternative format (i.e. Braille, large print, etc.) or in another language as appropriate, in accordance with state and federal law. Please contact Tim Chauvel or more information.

TTY/TDD/STS users dial 711 (for the California Relay Service)

### For more information about DTSC:

Visit our website at [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov)