

Fact Sheet, January 2008

Amended Draft Closure Plan available for Review

An amended draft Closure Plan to close four hazardous waste management units (HWMUs) formerly operated by Martin Metal Finishing, Inc. (MMF) and Chemical Technology Labs, Inc. (CTL) is open for public review and comment.



The 9.5 acre site is located at 12150 South Alameda Street in Lynwood (northeast corner of Alameda and Dixon Streets)

30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comment period starts on January 25, 2008 and ends on March 3, 2008

Written comments on the amended draft Closure Plan and CEQA draft Negative Declaration can be sent via mail, e-mail, or fax no later than March 3, 2008 to:

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Please note: There is no public hearing scheduled for this amended draft Closure Plan unless requested by public demand. All individuals who make comments will receive a Response to Comments document via mail.



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Facility Description and Background

The facility includes a combination office /warehouse building, paved parking, and large vacant areas. Three of the HWMUs are external to the building and one is in the interior. Originally owned by Martin Metal Finishing, Inc., the property was purchased in 2003 by William Little. *Martin Inc.* (successor to Martin Metal Finishing, Inc. and Chemical Technology Labs, Inc.) rents one portion of the warehouse where metal finishing is conducted and shipping and receiving are managed. A second portion of the warehouse is rented by *Michels and Company* for the design, manufacture, and distribution of wood furniture products. East of the office/warehouse building is a parking area that was previously rented out by *Sandoval's Diesel Repair* to park trucks. The facility has been used for industrial purposes since 1965.

Description of Hazardous Waste Management Units (HWMUs)

The amended draft Closure Plan open for public comment focuses on the following hazardous waste management units (HWMUs):

HWMU-1 (Effluent Waste Treatment Unit) was operated by MMF. This unit included aboveground tanks, a chromium conversion system, and a filter press. It was primarily used to treat chromium waste generated from 1987 until 1995.

HWMU-2 (Old Hazardous Waste Management Storage Area) was is a concrete hazardous waste storage containment area, having no berms, that measured approximately 52 feet long and 42 feet wide. It was in use from the early 1980s until mid-1992.

HWMU-3 (New Hazardous Waste Management Storage Area) was used, beginning in mid-1992, as a temporary replacement for HWMU-2 because DTSC prohibited the continuing use of HWMU-2

due to its lack of berms. Operation ceased on March 15, 1996. One tank was used to store thirteen 55-gallon drums of treated chromium waste from HWMU-1 operated by MMF; the second tank contained six 55-gallon drums of sludge from the CTL, solvent still.

HWMU-4 (New Hazardous Waste Management Storage Area), a concrete pad with berms, was constructed as a replacement for HWMU-2 outdoors at the northeast corner of the main building, around 1994 and used until all drums were transported off-site in 1996.

Proposed draft closure plan

The draft plan has been amended by DTSC to ensure a comprehensive cleanup. A complete list of conditions that amends the plan, and identifies important contingencies necessary to approve the plan, will be attached to the original submission from the facility and available on line and at the repositories listed at the end of this document.

California Environmental Quality Act

DTSC performed an Initial Study in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for this project, and determined that there would be no associated adverse environmental impact. Therefore, a Negative Declaration prepared in accordance with CEQA is proposed. Both the draft Negative Declaration and the supporting Initial Study are included in project documents available for public review and comment during the 30-day public comment period.

Where to Find Information

The Amended Draft Closure Plan supporting technical information can be found at the following locations:

Lynwood Public Library

11320 Bullis Road
Lynwood, CA 90262
(310) 635-7121

Mon – Thu, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Fri, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sat, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Closed Sundays

Department of Toxic Substances Control

9211 Oakdale Avenue

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File Room Hours: Mon – Fri, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.,
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The Department of Toxic Substances Control, part
of the California Environmental Protection
Agency, is responsible for overseeing the proposed
closure and will make certain it is performed in a
way that does not harm people or the environment.