

# 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.

## CLEANUP PLAN FOR THE FORMER UNIVAR USA, INC. S. BONNIE BEACH PLACE FACILITY COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA



The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on the proposed plan to clean up chemical contamination at the former Univar USA, Inc. (Univar) S. Bonnie Beach Place Facility. The Univar Facility is located on adjacent parcels of land at 4256 Noakes Street and 1363 South Bonnie Beach Place, Commerce, California 90023 (Site). Chemicals, including the solvents tetrachloroethylene (PCE) and trichloroethylene (TCE), were found in soil and groundwater at the site and surrounding area. The contaminated groundwater at the site is not used as a source of drinking water. Two documents, called the Corrective Measures Study (CMS) and the draft Statement of Basis, outline the proposed plan to clean up the site. We invite you to review and comment on these documents, that are available at the information repositories listed on page 2 of this update.

### Public Comment Period



**October 6, 2016 to  
November 4, 2016**

The public is encouraged to submit comments during the public comment period. DTSC will consider all public comments before making a final decision. Comments must be received by **November 4, 2016** and sent to:

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You are invited to attend a public meeting to learn more about the proposed cleanup plan and submit comments on the proposed cleanup plan:

**Thursday; October 13, 2016 at  
6:00 PM**

**Our Lady of Victory Church  
1317 South Herbert Avenue  
Los Angeles, California 90023**

## SITE HISTORY

The Univar Facility, formerly Van Water's and Rogers, was used for chemical storage, distribution, and recycling from 1950 to 2000. Chemicals were released to the environment as a result of leaks and spills. Cleanup of PCE and TCE is necessary because exposure to these chemical can lead to health problems; short term exposure can lead to birth defects and long term exposure can increase the risk of cancer.

## SITE INVESTIGATION

The site has been extensively investigated over the course of several years. The results of the site investigation are documented in a report called the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Facility Investigation (RFI) Summary Report and were described in a separate community update mailed out to the community in June 2016.

## CLEANUP PLAN

The proposed cleanup plan has four key elements as follows:

- Continue to operate the existing on-site soil vapor and groundwater extraction and treatment systems until cleanup goals are met;
- Restrict future use of the former chemical handling areas of the site to prevent sensitive uses such as homes from being built;
- Install a new groundwater extraction system to treat the off-site groundwater plume; the system will be installed near East 26th Street in the City of Vernon which is approximately 3/4 mile to the south west of the site;
- Monitor groundwater after active cleanup ends to confirm and document that the plume has naturally attenuated.

## CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

DTSC has considered the potential environmental effects of the proposed cleanup plan and has prepared an Initial Study and draft Negative Declaration. DTSC

concluded that the implementation of the cleanup plan would not have a significant impact on the environment. The public is invited to comment on the CEQA documents in addition to the proposed cleanup plan.

## INFORMATION REPOSITORIES

Project documents including the CMS Report, draft Statement of Basis and draft CEQA Negative Declaration are available for review at the following locations:

### Commerce Public Library - Bristow Branch

1466 S. McDonnell Avenue  
Commerce, California 90040  
(323) 265-1787; Call for hours

### DTSC Sacramento Regional Office

8800 Cal Center Drive  
Sacramento, California 95826  
(916) 255-3758; Call for appointment

The documents may also be accessed online via DTSC's website: [www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov)

## NEXT STEPS

If the proposed cleanup plan is approved, the new cleanup equipment would begin operating in 2018 and would run until cleanup goals are met.

## DTSC CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions about this notice or the cleanup plans for the site, please contact:

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