

Public Notice

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.

Draft Interim Measures/Removal Action Work Plan; AOC 130-095, AOC 130-313, and AOC 130-726 – U.S. Department of Energy

Para información en español por favor comuníquese con Amanda Dominguez al número (818) 717 6581.

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED? The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announces a **30-day public comment period from July 23 through August 21, 2019**, on the following document: *Draft Interim Measures/Removal Action Work Plan, AOC 130-095, AOC 130-313, and AOC 130-726*. The Draft Interim Measures/Removal Action Work Plan (Draft IM/RAW) was prepared as part of the ongoing former Naval Petroleum Reserve No. 1 (NPR-1) Closure Project in the Elk Hills Oil Field of Kern County, California.

The NPR-1 was created by an Executive Order in 1912 to preserve potential petroleum resources for national defense purposes. Pursuant to Public Law 104-106, passed in February 1996, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) was required to sell the United States' lands and hydrocarbon interests in NPR-1. DOE transferred the Federal Government's interests in NPR-1 to Occidental Petroleum Corporation (Occidental), effective October 1, 1997. In 2014, Occidental transferred the property to California Resources Corporation, who now operates the Elk Hills Oil Field under the name of California Resources Elk Hills, LLC. DOE and DTSC entered into an Agreement for Site Assessment in 1998 which was subsequently amended and, in 2008, a Corrective Action Consent Agreement was signed in which DOE agreed to complete the corrective action process at 131 Solid Waste Management Units and/or AOCs, including three AOC 130 subareas; AOC 130-095, AOC 130-313, and AOC 130-726. DTSC will oversee soil remediation planned to take place consecutively for the three AOC 130 subareas.

DOE assessed existing soil conditions and determined that the soil at the three AOC 130 subareas contains arsenic above the screening level. The Draft IM/RAW presents alternative evaluations and presents proposals to remediate contaminated soil at the three AOC 130 subareas. The Draft IM/RAW includes a Transportation and Waste Management Plan that provides procedures for soil handling and disposal, as well as transportation routes. The soil will be disposed at an appropriate California landfill. Post-excavation sampling will be conducted to confirm the soil remediations were successful.

As required by California Law, DTSC has reviewed the proposed Draft IM/RAW in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Based on that review, DTSC has determined that the project will not have significant effect on public health or the environment. DTSC issued a Programmatic CEQA Document and Mitigated Negative Declaration and an Addendum to the Programmatic CEQA Document that includes these three AOC 130 subareas. DTSC's Office of the Environmental Justice and Tribal Affairs (EJ and Tribal) has reviewed the Tribal Outreach process utilized by DOE and concurs that this process meets with DTSC's EJ and Tribal outreach and consultation objectives. As required by California Law, DTSC is announcing the 30-day public review period for the AOC 130 (095, 313, and 726) Draft IM/RAW; written comments must be postmarked or e-mailed to DTSC by **August 21, 2019**.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE? DTSC encourages you to review the Draft IM/RAWs and to provide comments. Comments may be submitted in writing, postmarked or emailed no later than 5:00 p.m. on **August 21, 2019** to: Ryan Mitchum, Project Manager, DTSC, 1515 Tollhouse Road, Clovis, CA 93611-0522; Phone: (559) 297-3958; E-mail: Ryan.Mitchum@dtsc.ca.gov.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION? A copy of the Draft IM/RAWs is available at the following locations: Taft Library 27 Emmons Park Drive, Taft, CA 93268, Phone: (661) 763-3294; and the DTSC EnviroStor Website: http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=80001254 (Click the "Community Involvement" tab)

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