

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 Removal Action Workplan for Creighton's Cleaners in Long Beach Now Available for Public Review & Comment

Why This Community Update: Our agency, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), invites you to review and comment on a proposed cleanup plan designed to address contaminated soil and soil gas at the Creighton's Cleaners Property, located at 5951 Spring Street, Long Beach, California (Site). The proposed cleanup plan, called Removal Action Workplan (RAW), was developed to address elevated levels of Tetrachloroethene (PCE) and Trichloroethene (TCE), located in the soil gas beneath the Site. The RAW proposes the installation of an In-Situ Soil Vapor Extraction (In-Situ SVE) system to mitigate soil and soil gas contamination.

DTSC is the lead regulatory agency for review and approval of the RAW. The draft RAW, if approved, will address TCE and PCE contamination soil gas contamination at the Site.

Environmental sampling results from the property show contaminants beneath the Site do **not** pose an immediate risk to public health or the environment. However, DTSC determined the TCE and PCE concentrations in soil gas beneath the Site are above protective standards, and therefore a cleanup plan needs to be developed and implemented to ensure the long-term public health and safety of Site occupants. This Community Update provides additional information on:

- Site Location & History
- Why Cleanup is Necessary
- Site Investigation and Prior Cleanup Activities Conducted
- Proposed Removal Action Work Plan (RAW)
- Safety Measures
- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- How You Can Participate
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- Next Steps

Site Location & History: The Site, which currently operates as a dry cleaner has been in operation since 1988 and is bound by East Spring Street to the south, Woodruff Avenue to the east and north and Los Coyotes Diagonal to the west and north. Historically, the Site was used from at least 1896 to the early 1960's for dry crop agriculture. It was first developed for retail use in the late 1960's.

Why Cleanup is Necessary: Environmental studies show elevated levels of TCE and PCE are in soil and soil gas below the site. The RAW activities will ensure the long-term protection of public health and safety to Site occupants.

Public Comment

August 23, 2019 – September 24, 2019

A 30-day public comment period is being held to receive public comments on the draft RAW. **All public comment must be postmarked or e-mailed no later than September 24, 2019**, and sent to:

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The draft RAW and other project documents are available for review at the Information Repository locations listed on page 2 of this Community Update.

Site Investigation and Prior Cleanup Activities Conducted: As part of a property transaction and on behalf of a Focused Phase II Environmental Site Assessment in 2012 was conducted to assess soil, soil gas and groundwater conditions in sub soil near the dry cleaner. Soil and groundwater samples were collected and analyzed for volatile organic compounds (VOC's). Based on the results of the Focused Phase II Environmental Site Assessment, PCE and TCE impacts to the subsurface soil existed in the immediate area of the Creighton's Cleaners tenant space. After additional site assessment in 2015 and 2016, a five day in-Situ SVE pilot study was conducted in May 2018. The results of the pilot study showed that SVE successfully mobilized and captured vapor phase PCE/TCE concentrations in sub soil at the site.

Proposed Removal Action Workplan (RAW): To address TCE and PCE in soil and soil gas below the site, the draft RAW proposes to install multiple soil vapor extraction points, in addition to those already present. Underground piping will be installed leading to a fenced vapor extraction system with carbon canister filters.

Safety Measures: During construction, plates will be placed over any open trenches and the construction zone will be roped off for the public's safety. The system will be within a locked fenced compound to deter public access. Personal protective equipment will be worn by site workers while on the property, as required. Work will be conducted between the hours of 8AM to 5PM and no street or road closures or traffic impacts to residents or businesses are anticipated to occur. The RAW activities will be implemented in a manner that minimizes impacts to human health and the environment.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): CEQA is a state law. It requires state and local agencies to identify the environmental impacts of their actions. DTSC prepared a Notice of Exemption (NOE) because the project is considered a minor action designed to prevent, minimize, stabilize, mitigate or eliminate release of hazardous waste and would not significantly negatively affect public health or the environment.

How You Can Participate: We want to know what you think of the draft RAW. The 30-day public comment period for the draft RAW begins **August 23, 2019 and ends September 24, 2019**. All public comments must be postmarked or e-mailed by **September 24, 2019**, and sent to:

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Where to Find Project Documents - Information Repository Locations: Project documents including the RAW and CEQA documents are available for public review electronically at:
https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=60001903.

Hard copies are available at the following Information Repositories:

Long Beach Public Library (Ruth Bach Branch)

4055 North Bellflower Boulevard
Long Beach, California 90808

Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday: Noon - 7:00 pm

Wednesday: Noon - 6:00 pm

Friday & Saturday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday & Monday: Closed

Department of Toxic Substance Control

5796 Corporate Avenue
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Hours:

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am-5:00 pm

*** Contact Jone Barrio for an appointment**

Additional Information Sources: Site documents are also available for electronic review on DTSC's EnviroStor website at:

https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=60001903

Documents made available to the public by DTSC can be made available in an alternate format (e.g., Braille, large print, etc.) or in another language as appropriate in accordance with State and Federal law. Please contact Phil McPhaul, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, for assistance with alternative formats.



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Next Steps: At the close of the public comment period, DTSC will review and consider all public comments prior to final approval. If the RAW is approved, field work is anticipated to begin and take about four weeks to complete

Whom to Contact at DTSC for More Information: If you have any questions about the Creighton's Cleaners Project, the draft RAW, CEQA, or other project related activities, please contact the following DTSC staff:

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