

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 WASTE GENERATION AND ENCOURAGING THE MANUFACTURE OF CHEMICALLY SAFER PRODUCTS.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND COMMUNITY MEETING
DRAFT REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN & MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FORMER PUREGRO FACILITY PROPERTY
1025 RIVER DRIVE, BRAWLEY, CALIFORNIA
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: NOVEMBER 13, 2019 – DECEMBER 17, 2019**

WHY THIS NOTICE? The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites the public to review and comment on a Draft Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for the former PureGro Facility property located at 1025 River Drive in Brawley, California, 92227. The PureGro Company formulated, stored, and distributed agricultural products from the 1940s to 2000. Buildings and other structures were demolished in 2001, and the site is now vacant and fenced. The Draft RAP provides details on environmental studies conducted and the proposed remedy to address contaminated soil and groundwater at the property.

WHAT IS PROPOSED? The Draft RAP proposes removal of the soil stockpile currently on the property, excavation and removal of other targeted soil, creation of buffer zones on the south and east sides of the property, and placement of a multi-layered and protective engineered cover over the remaining property. Long-term institutional controls and groundwater monitoring are also included. Excavated soil will be disposed of offsite in a permitted landfill.

Pursuant to the **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**, DTSC proposes a Mitigated Negative Declaration because the proposed cleanup activities will not have a significant effect on human health and the environment. The CEQA study identified several mitigation measures that DTSC will require during implementation. They include measures to protect biological resources and cultural resources (if any are found) and measures for control of noise to prevent a nuisance during the project. Other mitigation measures require a health and safety plan and a detailed plan to control dust. The Dust Control Plan will describe dust prevention, monitoring, and mitigation methods, plus other best management practices and regulatory compliance measures that must be implemented to monitor, control, reduce, and mitigate dust generation during project activities.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD & HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE? The 35-day public comment period for the Draft RAP and Mitigated Negative Declaration will begin on November 13, 2019 and end on December 17, 2019. Written comments must be sent by mail or email **no later than December 17, 2019** to Daniel Cordero Jr., Project Manager, Department of Toxic Substances Control, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630-4732 or via Daniel.Cordero@dtsc.ca.gov.

COMMUNITY MEETING: DTSC will host a community meeting and open house at the American Citizen Club at 890 B Street, Brawley, CA on Thursday, December 5, 2019 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm to accept public comments on the Draft RAP and CEQA determination. If you require reasonable accommodation at this meeting, please contact Elsa Lopez, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (818) 717-6566 or via e-mail at Elsa.Lopez@dtsc.ca.gov by November 22, 2019.

WHERE TO FIND PROJECT DOCUMENTS: The Draft RAP and supporting key documents are available at the Brawley Public Library located at 400 Main Street #1, Brawley, CA 92227 (760-344-1891) and at the DTSC Regional Records Office located at 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630-4732; call 714-484-5336 for an appointment. Documents are also available at: https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=13070097

FOR MORE INFORMATION: If you have project related questions, contact:

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