

# 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.

## DRAFT POST CLOSURE HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT RENEWAL FOR HONEYWELL INTERNATIONAL

### PERMITTING PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD POSTPONED DUE TO COVID-19

On March 19, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a state-wide stay-at-home [order](#) due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The stay-at-home order affects many aspects of the public participation process. Therefore, DTSC is postponing the official public comment period and permit decision for this facility.

Because the draft permit and related documents are ready for public review, DTSC has posted them online and encourages you to read them. To view the Draft Permit and Draft Permit application, please use the EnviroStor link below and click on the "Community Involvement."

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is reviewing the Hazardous Waste Post-Closure Permit application for the former Honeywell International Facility, (Facility), located at 8333 Enterprise Drive, Newark, California 94560. The former Facility property is now a public park but was the location of a facility that recovered solvents from waste liquids from 1974 until 1995. A solvent is a cleaning agent that removes oil, grease, dirt loose particles or any other contaminant on the surface of a material. Prior to construction of the park in 2016, all structures associated with the Facility operations were removed, including contaminated soils. A network of groundwater wells was installed to monitor and cleanup the contamination in the ground water, including trichloroethene (TCE), tetrachloroethene (PCE), 1,1,1-trichloroethane (1,1,1-TCA), methylene chloride, and freon 113 which occurred when the facility was operating.

Honeywell is still responsible for cleaning up the contamination that leaked into the groundwater and is requesting the Permit from DTSC to continue the environmental monitoring and maintenance required. The Post-Closure Permit includes requirements for inspecting the groundwater monitoring system twice a year and submitting a report and the collecting groundwater and soil gas samples. Soil gas are the gases found in the air space between



*Honeywell International former Facility*



soil particles. The permit makes sure that Honeywell continues to clean up the groundwater through a corrective action program managed by the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB).

The former Facility opened on December 1, 1974, and operations included recovery of chlorinated and fluorinated solvents from waste liquids. In September 1995, DTSC accepted their closure certification that the Facility was officially closed, with the exception that the soil and groundwater are monitored by RWQCB. Since the Facility did not remove all contamination from the soils and groundwater, as required by California Code of Regulations, title 22 section 66264.111, in 2010 DTSC required Honeywell to submit a post-closure permit application to monitor the soil and groundwater at the former Facility. Honeywell has done many tasks to cleanup, including digging up and disposing of contaminated soil, adding clean soil fill and a land use covenant restricting future land use before the building the park. The contaminated soil removal and clean soil fill was approved by the RWQCB on August 10, 2016.

California law requires hazardous waste storage, treatment, transfer and disposal to be performed in accordance with permits issued by DTSC. Permits must meet the requirements specified in California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 4.5 and the California Health and Safety Code (H&SC). Permits are developed after DTSC's detailed technical review of the permit application. DTSC has determined the permit application complies with all applicable regulatory requirements.

DTSC inspects facilities on a regular basis to ensure each hazardous waste facility is following California laws, regulations and permit conditions. Honeywell currently operates under a hazardous waste facility post closure permit issued by DTSC effective on March 18, 2010. The existing permit expired on March 17, 2020, but the facility has continued to operate under the existing permit until DTSC decides on the permit renewal application, in accordance with the requirements of Section 66270.51 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations (22 CCR). The permit renewal application was submitted on September 16, 2019. DTSC inspects the Facility for compliance with laws and regulations that apply to the Facility. Honeywell International is currently in compliance with no outstanding violations. All inspection reports are available at <https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov>.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)- On February 26, 2018, Solano County adopted a draft IS/ND document into a final Initial Study/Negative Declaration (final IS/ND) and filed a Notice of Determination (State Clearinghouse Number 2018012040). DTSC prepared a draft IS/ND Addendum.

**NEXT STEPS:** DTSC will hold the public comment period, at a later time, to ensure meaningful public participation. After the Covid-19 shutdown is lifted, DTSC will issue a formal Public Notice indicating when comments will be accepted and whether a public meeting/hearing will be held. This notice will be published in a major newspaper and mailed to the facility mailing list. A radio ad will be aired to announce the public comment period and give notice of the pending permit action.

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