

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

**Department of Toxic Substances Control** - Our mission is to protect the people, communities, and environment of California from harmful chemicals by cleaning up contaminated sites, enforcing hazardous waste laws, and compelling the development of safer products.

## Draft Removal Action Workplan for PCE Plume Investigation, Delano, California

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on the Draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the PCE Plume Investigation (Site) in Delano, California.

### Background / Site History

The PCE Plume is in Downtown Delano. PCE is a chemical used in dry cleaning. The Plume was discovered due to groundwater monitoring results for Bill Locke's Chevron gas station at 906 Fremont Street (Galleria Chevron), where there was a leaking underground storage tank.

Three current or former dry cleaners near Main Street and 10th Avenue are likely sources for the Plume. They are: Oasis Cleaners located at 920 Main Street, Oak Lane Cleaners (formerly Delano Cleaners) located at 910 Main Street, and Delano Former National Cleaners located at 811 11th Avenue.

### Removal Action and Proposed Cleanup Options

The goal of the proposed Removal Action is to ensure that the Site is safe for occupants. The draft RAW considered three cleanup alternatives for the Site they include, no action, which is a baseline for the Workplan, Soil Excavation with Off-site Disposal or Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE).

Based on careful analysis, the SVE is proposed for the Site. This alternative is protective of human health and the environment, is a permanent solution, and has a reasonable cost. If approved, the SVE would be used to remediate impacted soil and soil vapor beneath the dry-cleaner source areas. Tests were conducted in 2017 at the former National Cleaners and Oasis Cleaners to evaluate the SVE as potential remedial technology for the Site. It was determined that the SVE could be used effectively.

### 30 Day Public Comment Period

**Dates: October 30, 2020 to December 18, 2020**

Comments must be postmarked or emailed by **December 18, 2020** to: Mr. Joseph Tapia, P.E., Project Manager, Department of Toxic Substances Control at **1515 Tollhouse Road, Clovis, 93611**

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DTSC is hosting a **community meeting** online and by phone on **November 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 pm** to present the draft RAW and answer questions. Please use the event information below to join.

Online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84875870900>

Audio only dial in: 669-900-6833, then enter the meeting ID 84875870900#



### Alternative 3 Project Activities

The SVE includes installing extraction and monitoring wells and two treatment systems, one next to the Oasis Cleaners site and one at the former National Cleaners Site. The SVE systems will be fenced, fitted with privacy slats, contained and equipped with silencers, keeping noise levels consistent with City standards.

### Safety Measures During Removal Action Activities

- Posting notices directing visitors to the Site Manager.
- Prior approval and Site-specific health and safety training from the Site Safety Officer to enter.
- Barrier fencing to restrict access.
- Spraying work areas and equipment with clean water to control dust.
- Monitoring air quality to ensure dust and contaminant levels remain within safe levels
- Traffic control will be provided as needed.

### The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

CEQA is a state law, requiring the lead agency of a project to consider and disclose environmental effects of proposed actions before project approval.

As a responsible agency under CEQA, DTSC determined with certainty that the activities in question will not have a significant effect on the environment. This is because the project activities would not dramatically change any of the physical conditions within the area, including land, air, water, minerals, flora, fauna, ambient noise, and objects of historic or aesthetic significance.”

### Next Steps

DTSC encourages public participation in the decision-making process. We invite you to review and comment on the draft RAW during the 30-day Public Comment Period. Documents are available for public review at the locations listed below.

Before issuing a final approval, DTSC will consider all public comments and make any necessary revisions to the draft RAW. Also, a Response to Comment document will be posted online and mailed to everyone who makes a comment or requests a hard copy and provides their name and address.

DTSC would like to begin the cleanup in the Winter of 2020. Construction could be completed within 2 months. The SVE systems would operate continuously for roughly four years, followed by one year of intermittent operation. A Removal Action Completion Report (RACR) will be done when cleanup is finished.

A copy of the draft RAW and other project documents are available for public review electronically at:

[https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile\\_report.asp?global\\_id=60001327](https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=60001327) .

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