

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

*DTSC's Mission is to protect California's people, communities, and environment from toxic substances, to enhance economic vitality by restoring contaminated land, and to compel manufacturers to make safer consumer products.*

January 2022

## **Draft Remedial Action Plan for Gardena Sumps 1450 West Artesia Blvd, Gardena, CA 90247**

The Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on the Draft Remedial Action Plan (RAP) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis for the Gardena Sumps (Site), located at 1450 West Artesia Blvd, in Gardena. The draft RAP will provide information on environmental conditions and use technical data to justify the proposed clean-up of the Site. The CEQA analysis identifies the significant environmental impacts of the RAP and actions to avoid or mitigate those impacts.

You are invited to participate:

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

**January 31, 2022 through March 2, 2022**

DTSC encourages you to review and provide comments on the Draft RAP and the CEQA analysis. DTSC will consider and respond to all public comments before a final decision is made. Comments must be postmarked or emailed by

**March 2, 2022 to:**

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### **COMMUNITY MEETING (Online via Zoom)**

DTSC will host a community meeting to provide information and to accept public comments. To learn more about this project, please join us:

**February 16, 2022 5:00pm – 7:00pm**

Use the link to register for the meeting: <https://bit.ly/GardenaSumps>

**Site Location:** The 5.6-acre Site consists of two properties, the Cooper property, and the Haack property. The Cooper property is comprised of two large sumps (referred to as the “Cooper North” and “Cooper South” sumps). The Haack property contains one modified sump (referred to as the “Haack sump”) and the “Haack Rework Area.”

**Draft RAP Proposal:** The City of Gardena Master Plan which was developed and approved by the City of Gardena specifies that the Site is designated as commercial property with a mix of commercial buildings and parking. The proposed RAP is designed to closely accommodate this development plan. The RAP addresses the four identified areas with oil sludge contamination: two oil sludge sumps on the Cooper Property and one oil sludge sump on the Haack property along with the Haack Rework Area. The Cooper sumps are



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currently capped by a geosynthetic cover (a specialized plastic cover). The Haack sump has been covered by asphalt and a concrete slab. The primary contaminants of concerns (COCs) identified in the Cooper and Haack Sumps as well as in the Haack Rework Area are: (i) Soil: arsenic, hexavalent chromium, naphthalene, and the benzo(a)pyrene toxicity equivalent; (ii) Air: benzene, hydrogen sulfide; and (iii) Groundwater: dibenz(a,h)anthracene.

The proposed remedial action will include excavation of a portion of the Haack Rework Area and placement of the impacted soil into the Cooper Sumps area. An additional engineered cap with specialized geosynthetic cover and clean soil cover will be installed on top of the current Cooper Sumps and the Haack sump. A legal land use covenant will be placed on the properties to limit future land use and exposure to the occupants and surrounding community along with long-term monitoring and maintenance requirements of the cap and the groundwater.

A health and safety (H&S) plan will be developed to protect the workers and surrounding population during the anticipated field activities. The H&S plan will include potential chemical and physical concerns for the anticipated field activities and mitigating actions. Workers will have to be trained and qualified to perform the work and they will follow the H&S plan. Air monitoring will be performed on a real-time basis within the Site and along the perimeter for release of nuisance odors, volatile organic compounds, and dust in accordance with the South Coast Air Quality Management District. DTSC will have personnel monitor the field work as warranted.

**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):** As the Responsible Agency for the remedial action, DTSC is adhering to the CEQA process and the draft CEQA analysis is available for review. The draft CEQA analysis can be reviewed along with the RAP or separately at Clearinghouse repository (<https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov>).

### Where to find project documents:

DTSC Regional File Room  
5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630  
Call (714) 484-5336 for an appointment

Gardena Mayme Dear Library  
1731 W Gardena Blvd, Gardena, CA 90247  
Call (310) 323-6363 for an appointment

All project related documents are also available online at the Envirostor database:

[https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile\\_report.asp?global\\_id=19490135](https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=19490135)

**Next Steps:** DTSC encourages public participation in the decision-making process and invites the public to review and comment on the Draft RAP. A Response to Comments document will be provided to all those who submitted public comments and to those who request a copy.

### Who to contact at DTSC for more information:

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# **PUBLIC COMMENT FORM**

## **Draft Remedial Action Plan**

### **Gardena Sumps**

**1450 West Artesia Blvd, Gardena, CA 90247**

**Public Comment Period: January 31, 2022 through March 2, 2022**

You can use this form to send in your written public comments. Feel free to attach more sheets or write on the back if you need more space. Please address all mailings to:

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**Reminder: All public comments must be postmarked or e-mailed on or before March 2.**

NAME:

AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION (if applicable):

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE #:

COMMENTS: