

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.

QUEMETCO INC.*

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CITY OF INDUSTRY, CALIFORNIA

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This Community Update provides the status of corrective action activities the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is overseeing at the Quemetco Facility located at 720 S. 7th Avenue, City of Industry, California (Facility).

Quemetco Impacted Area (QIA): The 2017 investigation revealed elevated lead levels in soils located in commercial areas in the immediate vicinity of the Facility, identified as the QIA. Under DTSC supervision, the Facility performed clean-up activities to remove contaminated soil. Work on the QIA began in May 2020 and was completed in March 2021. Approximately 2,300 tons of lead contaminated soil was removed and disposed at an authorized facility.



QIA clean-up activities

Current Conditions Report (CCR): Quemetco submitted a CCR on August 10, 2020, as required by the Corrective Action Consent Agreement between Quemetco Inc. and DTSC. The purpose of the CCR is to summarize previous investigations and cleanups of chemical releases from the Facility and to identify the need for additional investigations, if any. Although the CCR was accepted as presented, on August 31, 2021, DTSC expressed clearly that it did not agree with the CCR's conclusions that investigations have adequately characterized environmental conditions in the surrounding community due to past Facility emissions. The Facility was directed to address data gaps identified in the CCR, provide a risk assessment to evaluate human health and ecological risk at the Facility, and provide a cost estimate for addressing on-site contamination to determine financial responsibility for cleanup costs of the Facility.



Additional information on DTSC sites can be found through our [EnviroStor](#).

Transect Sampling Workplan:

In September 2020, DTSC prepared a sampling plan for Quemetco to collect and analyze soil samples within one mile of the Facility in 11 different directions. The plan supplements an earlier off-site investigation from 2017. The sampling locations consisted of residential street parkways, thoroughfares, and creek access roads. The Transect Sampling report is currently under DTSC review. The Transect Sampling report can be found on the Envirostor database. Go to: https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=80001454



Transect Sampling Work

Aerially Deposited Metals Sampling Workplan:

In June 2022, Quemetco submitted the Aerially Deposited Metals Sampling Workplan that establishes annual sampling to evaluate the potential accumulation of lead and arsenic in soils at, and in the vicinity, of the Facility. The Facility will implement the Workplan by the end of November 2022, when it anticipates obtaining the necessary permits and access agreements. DTSC approved the Workplan in August 2022.

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***NOTE:** Quemetco has initiated the process to change their name to Ecobat Resources California, Inc.