

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.

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Draft Post Closure Permit Renewal
Former International Light Metals Facility
19200 South Western Avenue, Torrance, California 90501

The Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) invites you to comment on the Draft Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Post-Closure Permit (Draft Permit) for the Former International Light Metals (Former ILM) facility (Facility) located in the city of Torrance. The Draft Permit will allow Former ILM to continue conducting post-closure care activities at the Facility.

You are invited to participate:

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

December 18, 2023 to:

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The Facility has an area of approximately 67 acres and is located in a fully developed area zoned for general commercial and industrial use. The property consists of a single roughly rectangular parcel of land. The site is fully developed with 5 warehouse/distribution buildings, driveways, parking areas, and landscaping. The Facility was demolished and all equipment and waste related to the former operating Hazardous Waste Management Units (HWMUs) were completely removed by 1996. The property is no longer used for the treatment, storage and/or disposal of hazardous wastes.

Description of Historical Operations: The Facility was formerly an industrial metal processing plant supporting the military aviation industry. Operations began in the early 1940s after the start of World War II and continued until 1992. At the start of the operations, the Facility was part of a larger United States Defense Plant Corp facility that occupied over 300 acres. Operations included the extruding and forging of aluminum and titanium as well as other metal processes. During the Facility's operations, hazardous materials and wastes were stored and/or treated at the Facility. Hazardous materials included hydrocarbon fuels, chlorinated solvents, acids, caustics, and other hydrocarbon compounds. Waste streams included wastewater from metal plating, cleaning and quenching operations, spent solvents from degreasing



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systems, spent acids and caustics, sludge, still bottoms, metal chips, dust, waste hydraulic and cooling oils and greases, oil/water mixtures, and other solid wastes. These former operations are believed to be the source of soil and groundwater contamination at the Facility, primarily from Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)

Description of Existing Post-Closure Monitoring Operations: Under the current post closure permit, maintenance and groundwater monitoring are required for the post-closure HWMUs. If DTSC renews the Permit, the Former International Light Metals Facility will continue the post closure monitoring activities. Activities at this Facility include groundwater monitoring, site inspections and maintenance of all associated structures and equipment.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): Under the California Environmental Quality Act, DTSC must evaluate whether the Permit may have any significant impacts on human health and/or the environment. As part of this evaluation, DTSC prepared an Addendum to an adopted Negative Declaration in accordance with the requirements of CEQA, Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq. and the Guidelines for Implementation of CEQA, California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15164. Upon making a permit decision, DTSC will file a Notice of Determination with the Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse.

Where do I get information? The Draft Permit, and CEQA documents are available at:

- DTSC Records Office, 9211 Oakdale Ave., Chatsworth, CA 91311. Tel: (818) 717-6500. By appointment
- Katy Geissert Civic Center Public Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, CA 90503.
Tel: (310) 618-5959.
- Envirostor:
https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/hwmp_profile_report.asp?global_id=CAD030398622

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

Who to contact at DTSC for more information:

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