



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

TIME CRITICAL REMOVAL ACTION ZENECA/FORMER STAUFFER CHEMICAL SITE 1391 South 49th Street Richmond, California

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: December 17, 2009 – January 29, 2010

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

The California State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will oversee the removal of 1,100 cubic yards of soil currently stockpiled on the Zeneca/Former Stauffer Chemical Site (Zeneca) in Richmond, California. DTSC is soliciting comments on the administrative record which includes the Time Critical Removal Action (TCRA) plan.

DTSC has determined that there is an urgent need to remove this contaminated soil before onset of the rainy season to protect human health and the environment by preventing the potential for flooding from rainfall runoff. The TCRA will be completed within 6 months.

The stockpile contains some soil contaminated with DDT at levels up to 5 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg), which exceeds the state hazardous waste criteria of 1 mg/kg. Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) are also in this soil stockpile at levels up to 1.5 mg/kg, which is above the federal self-directed cleanup goal of 1 mg/kg. Soil samples will be collected from the ground after the soil stockpile is removed, and the results will be incorporated into the cleanup plan that is currently being developed for the Site. Other soil in the stockpile is not contaminated and will be disposed as non-hazardous waste.

Pending contractor availability and schedule, the field activities are tentatively scheduled to begin on **December 21, 2009** and occur during weekdays, Monday through Friday, between 8 A.M. and 5 P.M. It is estimated that the stockpile removal and grading will take approximately 10 days to complete.

DUST CONTROL MEASURES

The TCRA includes the following dust suppression activities:

- Spray water in work area and during loading
- Dust monitoring upwind and downwind
- Stop work if excessive wind persists and dust levels exceed approved levels

TRUCK ROUTE

- Approximately 80 trucks will be needed to remove the soil stockpile
- Trucks will enter/exit the Zeneca property on Meade Street
- Soil will be hauled west on Meade Street 1/3 mile to Regatta Boulevard
- Regatta Boulevard on-ramp to Interstate-580 will be used for soil classified as hazardous waste
- Trucks containing non-hazardous waste soil will remain on Regatta to Erlandson, to Cutting Boulevard, then merge onto Interstate-80 east.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

DTSC prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this soil removal pursuant to CEQA. This project is considered exempt since it will not have a significant negative impact on human health and the environment.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

The Site Administrative Record is available at the following locations:

Richmond Main Library, 325 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA 94801

DTSC File Room, 700 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94710 (by appointment only)

DTSC Envirostor Website: www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public, type "Richmond" in the city entry field, then click on the "Get Report" button, then click on [Report] to the left of the "Zeneca Richmond Ag Products" line.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

This notice provides the community an opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to DTSC during the public comment period. Comments concerning the administrative record may be submitted in writing to Yvette LaDuke, Public Participation Specialist, DTSC, 9211 Oakdale Avenue, Chatsworth, CA 91311, e-mail address: yladuke@dtsc.ca.gov, and must be postmarked or e-mailed by **January 29, 2010**. All comments received will be responded to in writing.

CONTACT:

Yvette LaDuke, DTSC Public Participation Specialist 1-866-495-5651, press 3, then press 2

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Si prefiere hablar con alguien en español acerca de ésta informaciôn, favor de llamar a Jacinto Soto, Departamento de Control de Substancias Tôxicas. El número de teléfono es (510) 540-3842.