

Public Notice

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances through the restoration of contaminated resources, enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.

Draft Remedial Action Plan for the former Hollister Manufactured Gas Plant Site available for comment.

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

A draft Remedial Action Plan (RAP) was submitted to the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) for the former Hollister manufactured gas plant (Site) located at the corner of Sixth and Sally Streets in Hollister, San Benito County, California. The Site currently operates as an active Pacific Gas and Electric Company service center and storage facility. DTSC is responsible for protecting Californians against threats to the public health and the environment, through hazardous waste regulations, contamination cleanup, and pollution prevention. The RAP summarizes the site investigation and outlines alternative cleanup methods; it is available for public review and comment. The proposed remedy would remove an estimated 4,900 cubic yards (about 325 truckloads) of soil impacted with polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH), and metals from historic gas plant operations. Excavated areas would be backfilled with clean soil and the site would be restored to its original condition. DTSC invites you to review and comment on the draft RAP and encourages your participation in the cleanup decision making process.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

As the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC conducted an Initial Study to determine if the proposed project activities would result in significant impacts to the environment. The Initial Study concluded that the proposed project would not have a significant impact to the environment. As such, DTSC concluded that a Negative Declaration was the appropriate document to prepare under CEQA. DTSC is seeking comments on the adequacy of the analysis contained in the Initial Study and the proposed Negative Declaration.

NEXT STEPS

DTSC will review all public comments received during the public comment period prior to making a final decision on which cleanup alternative to implement. DTSC will also provide a Responsiveness Summary, our official response to the public comments received. The Responsiveness Summary will become a part of the project Administrative Record and a copy will be placed in the information repositories and sent to those who submitted comments. All written and emailed comments must be submitted by December 21, 2012. Please submit comments to:

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DTSC encourages you to review and comment on the draft RAP and related California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documents for the site. DTSC is holding a public comment period beginning November 12, 2012 and ending December 21, 2012.

PUBLIC MEETING

You may also attend a public meeting on the cleanup plan.

7:00 to 8:30 p.m. | Wednesday, November 28, 2012 | Veteran's Memorial Building, Room 218 | 649 San Benito St., Hollister, Calif.

INFORMATION REPOSITORIES

DTSC encourages you to review the draft RAP, CEQA documents, and other site-related documents which are available at the information repositories listed below:

San Benito County Free Library

470 Fifth Street | Hollister, CA 95023 | (831) 636-4107

DTSC - File Room

700 Heinz Avenue | Berkeley, CA 94710 | (510) 540-3800 - call for an appointment | Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday

DTSC CONTACT INFORMATION

Please contact any of the following individuals with any questions or concerns you may have about the project.

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