

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Our mission is to protect the people, communities, and environment of California from harmful chemicals by cleaning up contaminated sites, enforcing hazardous waste laws, and compelling the development of safer products.

September 2020

Union Pacific Railroad Beverly Hills 9101 to 9350 N. Santa Monica Boulevard and 9100 to 9349 Civic Center Drive, Beverly Hills

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the Union Pacific Railroad Beverly Hills (Site) located at 9101 to 9350 N. Santa Monica Boulevard and 9100 to 9349 Civic Center Drive, Beverly Hills, California 90210.

Public Comment Period

You are invited to participate:

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

September 23, 2020 to October 22, 2020

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

October 22, 2020 to:

Sara Vela, DTSC Project Manager, 9211 Oakdale Avenue, Chatsworth, CA 91311

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California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

In compliance with CEQA, an Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND) has been prepared and reviewed by DTSC. This IS/ND evaluated the proposed cleanup activities and states that the proposed cleanup will not have a significant effect on human health and the environment.

Site Location

The currently vacant and fenced in 5-acre Site was previously owned by Union Pacific Railroad. The Site is located within a highly disturbed, developed, urbanized area and the surrounding area is comprised of residential and commercial land uses. The Site runs parallel to Santa Monica Boulevard between Alpine Drive and North Doheny Drive.



Hearing impaired individuals may use the California Relay Service at 711 or 800-735-2929 TTY/VCO/HCO to voice.



Why is cleanup necessary?

Analytical results from soil samples showed elevated arsenic concentrations located at different areas and depths at the Site. The highest concentrations of arsenic in soils are within the shallow soils along the centerline of the Site.

What is a RAW?

A RAW is a plan that looks at different cleanup alternatives based on the site contamination. The public is encouraged to comment on the draft RAW and the alternative options. Once all comments have been received and considered, DTSC will either modify the draft RAW based on the comments or approve the draft RAW as is. DTSC will oversee all cleanup activities until the Site is cleaned up.

How does the draft RAW propose to clean-up the Site?

The preferred and recommended removal action alternative for the Site is a soil cover with Limited Excavation, Offsite Disposal, and Institutional Controls. DTSC established a maximum arsenic concentration of 25 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg) which it considers to be representative of background conditions at this Site and is the recommended arsenic cleanup goal for those areas where future receptors may contact surface soils. Site specific removal action goals were selected based on approved DTSC cleanup guidelines and a soil cover will be installed over the remaining arsenic-impacted soil to limit direct contact between receptors and impacted soil, and to reduce storm water from disturbing the subsurface. Land Use Controls and Institutional Controls that restrict activities at the Site will be included.

Where to find project documents:

DTSC File Room
9211 Oakdale Avenue
Chatsworth, CA 91311
Tel: (818) 717-6500. By appointment only. Email Chinh Sheow at chinh.sheow@dtsc.ca.gov to make an appointment.
All documents are accessible on Envirostor:
www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=19400017

Next Steps

When all public comments have been received and considered, DTSC will issue a Response to Comments (RTC). The RTC will be mailed to individuals who submitted a written comment with a home email or mailing address. DTSC will then make a final decision on the cleanup plan. During the cleanup process, DTSC will conduct regular monitoring to ensure that the cleanup goals are met.

Who to contact at DTSC for more information:

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PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

30-Day Public Comment Period Draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW)

Union Pacific Railroad Beverly Hills

9101 to 9350 N. Santa Monica Boulevard and

9100 to 9349 Civic Center Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Public Comment Period – September 23, 2020- October 22, 2020

You can use this form to send in your written public comments on the draft RAW. You may also ask to be added or deleted from the Site mailing list. If you know of anyone or any organizations that would like to be on the project mailing list, please use this form to notify us. Please address all mailings to Sara Vela, DTSC Project Manager, 9211 Oakdale Avenue, Chatsworth, California 91311. You may also e-mail this same information to: sara.vela@dtsc.ca.gov.

Reminder: All public comments on the draft RAW must be postmarked or e-mailed on or before October 22, 2020.

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Please add me to the Site mailing list.

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COMMENTS:

On August 4, 2020 the City of Beverly Hills submitted its peer review consultant Lindmark Engineering's review of Jacobs's December 2019 removal action work plan (RAW) for Lots 12, 13 and 13A to the DTSC.

Last month Jacobs issued a revised RAW dated September 18, 2020, and DTSC issued a CEQA Initial Study dated September 15, 2020.

Attached are Lindmark's reviews of these documents. Most references cited are hyperlinked in the reports. The documents which are not hyperlinked and for which pdfs exist are attached in respective RAW and CEQA folders.

Also included is a cover letter signed by David Yelton, Deputy Building Official that conveys the files to the DTSC.

Respectfully,

David Yelton, CBO
Deputy Building Official

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