



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.

## Ascon Landfill Site, DTSC Certifies Final Environmental Impact Report and Approves Remedial Action Plan

**What has been Approved and Certified** - This Community Notice serves to update the surrounding community, public and applicable agencies of the current status of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) environmental review process and proposed Remedial Action Plan (RAP) (also referred to as the "Project") (State Clearinghouse #2013041010) considered by the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) for the Ascon Landfill Site located at 21641 Magnolia Street in Huntington Beach, CA. CEQA is a State law that requires the lead agency to consider and disclose potential adverse environmental impacts of its proposed actions before approving them. DTSC is the lead agency for the cleanup at the Ascon Landfill Site. On June 18, 2015 and June 19, 2015, DTSC certified the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and approved the RAP for the Ascon Landfill Site, respectively.

The selection of the Preferred Remedy (described below) by DTSC for the Ascon Landfill Site follows completion of the CEQA environmental review process and consideration of numerous remedial alternatives evaluated against the criteria set forth in the National Contingency Plan (NCP). The NCP, under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), describes the organizational structure and procedures for long-term remedial response actions concerning closed hazardous waste sites. A detailed discussion of the NCP criteria is included in the Final EIR and RAP documents, available for review at the Information Repositories cited below.

**Remedial Action Plan** - The Preferred Remedy, as described in the RAP and analyzed in the EIR, will include the excavation and off-site disposal of up to approximately 32,250 cubic yards (up to approximately 2,400 truckloads) of landfill materials, consolidation of the remaining materials, and installation of a protective cap to cover landfill materials considered safe to remain encapsulated on-site. Planned activities also include excavation of site materials to appropriate depths from the City of Huntington Beach rights-of-way along Hamilton Avenue and Magnolia Street, creation of two storm water detention basins and an internal perimeter road, and installation of new site perimeter fencing. The protective cap would be graded to create appropriate slopes for storm water run-off and collection, and will be planted with vegetation. The Remedy will be implemented under DTSC oversight and a restrictive covenant will be recorded to prevent incompatible future land use on the site.

The Preferred Remedy is consistent with DTSC's 2003 I&SE CO, Docket No. I&SE CO 02/03-007, and an Imminent and Substantial Endangerment Determination and Order and Remedial Action Order (I&SE-RAO), Docket No. I&SE-RAO 02/03-018, with the Responsible Parties (RPs), which require remediation of the Site. The Preferred Remedy will provide long-term term surface and groundwater protection at the site; stabilize the perimeter berms and minimize risks pertaining to emergency circumstances (i.e., berm failure, seismic instability hazards).

DTSC's mission is "To protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated resources, enforcing hazardous waste laws, reducing hazardous waste generation, and encouraging the manufacture of chemically safer products." The Preferred Remedy will further DTSC's mission by providing for the long-term protection of public health and the environment both on the Ascon Landfill Site and in the surrounding community.

### Next Steps

Over the next 15 to 18 months, DTSC will be reviewing and approving the Final Cap Design to ensure the Preferred Remedy meets all applicable regulatory and safety requirements, and achieves the remedial objectives. In addition, required permits from applicable agencies (i.e., City of Huntington Beach and South Coast Air Quality Management District) will be obtained prior to the start of remediation activities. Based on this schedule, remediation activities could commence as early as late 2016 and are expected to take about one year to complete.

DTSC will provide notice of the approved clean-up activities to residents within a ½ –mile radius from the site at least 60 days prior to the start of remediation activities. In addition, those who are on the mailing list for the Project will also be provided notice. The notice will also be posted on DTSC’s EnviroStor website.

### Information Repository Locations

Project documents including the RAP and CEQA-related documents are available for public review at the following Information Repositories:

Huntington Beach Central Library  
7111 Talbert Avenue  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648-1232  
(714) 842-4481  
Monday – 1pm to 9pm  
Tue, Wed, Thurs – 9am to 9pm  
Fri, Sat – 9am to 5pm  
Sunday – Closed

Banning Branch Library  
9281 Banning Avenue  
Huntington Beach, CA 92646-8302  
(714) 375-5005  
Wed, Thurs – 10am to 7pm  
Fri, Sat – 9am to 5pm  
Sun, Mon, Tues – Closed

Department of Toxic Substances Control  
5796 Corporate Avenue  
Cypress, CA 90630-4732  
(714) 484-5337  
Mon – Fri 8am – 5pm

Please contact Ms. Julie Johnson at the above number to make an appointment.

### Additional Information Sources

Site documents are also available for electronic review on DTSC’s EnviroStor website at [www.EnviroStor.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.EnviroStor.dtsc.ca.gov). Enter “Huntington Beach” as the City and select “Ascon Landfill Site” in the list of projects within the scroll-down menu. Then, click on

“Ascon Landfill Site” again on the map (pop-up window). Then, click on the “Community Involvement” tab for a list of the documents available for review. **If you would like DTSC to notify you via e-mail when new EnviroStor documents, such as workplans and reports, are available online for this site, please click on the “Sign Up for E-mail Alerts” link to the right of the site name, and complete the sign up form.**

Documents made available to the public by DTSC can be made available in an alternate format (i.e., Braille, large print, etc.) or in another language as appropriate, in accordance with State and Federal law. Please contact Stacey Lear, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, for assistance with alternative formats.

### Whom to Contact at DTSC for Information

If you have any questions about the Ascon Landfill Site Project, RAP, EIR or other related Project activities, please contact the following DTSC staff:

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*For more information about the Ascon Landfill site visit [www.EnviroStor.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.EnviroStor.dtsc.ca.gov), or [www.ascon-hb.com](http://www.ascon-hb.com). For more information about our department, please visit our website at [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov).*

### Notice to Hearing Impaired Individuals

TDD users can use the California Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 to reach Stacey Lear, DTSC Public Participation Specialist (714) 484-5354 or toll-free 1-866-495-5651.

