

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.

Announcement of Public Comment Period for Notice of Availability and Public Meeting for Draft Environmental Impact Report and Draft Remedial Action Plan for the Ascon Landfill Site, Huntington Beach, CA

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: August 29th, 2013 – October 14th, 2013

What Is Being Proposed? - This Notice of Availability (NOA) is announcing the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Draft Remedial Action Plan (RAP) (the "Project") for the Ascon Landfill Site being considered for approval by the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) for public review and comment. The purpose of this NOA is to solicit comments from the public and public agencies on the content of the environmental information included in the Draft EIR, as well as the content of the Draft RAP. Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the DTSC is the lead regulatory agency for certification of the Draft EIR and approval of the Draft RAP. The Ascon Landfill site is a vacant 38-acre parcel at the southwest corner of Hamilton Avenue and Magnolia Street and is a former landfill that accepted oil field and other waste materials, including hazardous wastes. The RAP includes excavation and off-site disposal of up to approximately 32,000 cubic yards of contaminated materials, consolidation of the remaining contaminated materials, and installation of a protective cap to cover the contaminated materials which will remain on-site. As concluded in the Draft EIR, during construction activities as part of implementing the RAP, the Project would result in significant and unavoidable short-term air quality impacts (based on applicable South Coast Air Quality Management District standards). The Draft EIR also includes an evaluation of alternatives to remediate the Site, including a "No Project Alternative" (essentially leaving the Site in its existing condition) and a "Source Removal with Off-Site Disposal Alternative," which generally consists of removing nearly all of the waste materials from the site resulting in a near-flat, vacant site suitable for unrestricted use. DTSC's decision on the remediation activities to occur on the Site will occur upon completion of CEQA environmental review process.

Upcoming Public Meeting - A public meeting will be held on Thursday, September 12th, 2013, at 6:00 pm, at Edison High School Cafeteria, 21400 Magnolia Street, Huntington Beach, 92646. This meeting is being held to solicit comments on the content of the Draft EIR and Draft RAP from the public and public agencies.

Information Repositories: Project documents including the NOA are available for electronic review on DTSC's EnviroStor website at www.EnviroStor.dtsc.ca.gov. Hard copies of project documents including the NOA are available for public review at the following Information Repository locations:

Huntington Beach Central Library	Banning Branch Library	Dept. Toxic Substances Control
7111 Talbert Avenue	9281 Banning Avenue	5796 Corporate Avenue
Huntington Beach, CA 92648	Huntington Beach, CA 92646	Cypress, CA 90630
(714) 842-4481	(714) 375-5005	(714) 484-5337

How Do I Participate? – The 45-day public comment period begins **August 29th, 2013** and ends **October 14th, 2013**. Submit comments by **October 14th, 2013** to: Safouh Sayed, DTSC Project Manager, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630-4732, e-mail: Safouh.Sayed@dtsc.ca.gov. For community outreach, contact Stacey Lear, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, (714) 484-5354, e-mail: Stacey.Lear@dtsc.ca.gov. For media inquiries, contact Sandy Nax, DTSC Public Information Officer, (916) 327-6114, e-mail: Sandy.Nax@dtsc.ca.gov.