

COMMUNITY UPDATE

DTSC's Mission is to protect California's people, communities, and environment from toxic substances, to enhance economic vitality by restoring contaminated land, and to compel manufacturers to make safer consumer products.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD April 3, 2023 – May 17, 2023
Draft Removal Action Workplan
Taylor Yard Parcel G1 2780 W. Casitas Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90039

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for a 3-acre portion of the Taylor Yard Parcel G1 (also known as the Bowtie Parcel) in Los Angeles. The draft RAW describes the environmental studies conducted, their results, and activities proposed to remove contaminated shallow soil. Cleanup will allow a publicly accessible stormwater management and habitat enhancement project to be constructed on the northern portion of the parcel. TNC is under a Voluntary Cleanup Agreement with DTSC to clean up the Project area. DTSC is the regulatory agency providing oversight for this activity.

You are invited to participate:

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

May 17, 2023, to:

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COMMUNITY MEETING (Online via Zoom)

DTSC will host a community meeting to provide information and accept comments. Please join us.

April 27, 2023, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Using this link: <https://bit.ly/TaylorYardG1>

SITE LOCATION AND HISTORY

Taylor Yard is located in Northeast Los Angeles. It runs along the Los Angeles River between the Glendale Freeway and Figueroa Street. It was used as a railroad maintenance yard before being split up and sold as parcels. The Bowtie Parcel is 18 acres of undeveloped land. The California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) bought it in 2003. Soil removals were completed in 2004 in four areas to meet commercial/industrial use standards. The Nature Conservancy (TNC) is working in partnership with State Parks to redevelop a 3-acre portion of the site, called the Bowtie Demonstration Project.

INVESTIGATIONS AND FINDINGS

Environmental studies in support of the Bowtie Demonstration Project took place during the last four years. The results of the studies showed lead, combustion-related hydrocarbons, and diesel-range petroleum hydrocarbons at concentrations above residential cleanup standards in the upper two feet of soil at the Site.



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The types of contaminants in the soil are expected because of the previous railyard maintenance activities at the Site.

PROPOSED CLEANUP PLAN (DRAFT RAW)

Four cleanup alternatives are proposed for evaluation in the RAW:

1. No Action – This is a **baseline** measure for evaluation. It would leave Site’s conditions unchanged. The RAW recommends against this alternative, as cleanup is needed before construction can begin.
2. In-situ phytoremediation – Contaminated soils would be used to plant generations of crops chosen to remove contaminants from shallow soil. Plants would then be harvested and disposed of off-site. The RAW recommends against this alternative as it would take too long for this project.
3. Excavation and Relocation – Shallow soil would be dug up and moved to the adjoining State Parks property. It could be used in future landscaping or project design safely. However, the design for park redevelopment on this property is incomplete. So, the soil could require storage and maintenance for a prolonged period of time. It is unknown how much of the soil would be used. For these reasons, the RAW recommends against this alternative.
4. Excavation and Off-Site Disposal – Digging up and removing contaminated soils, transporting it to an appropriate landfill, and bringing in clean soil to backfill excavated areas.

DTSC reviewed the evaluation presented in the RAW and agreed that Excavation and Off-Site Disposal is the most protective, implementable, and cost-effective option. Removing contaminated soil and replacing it with clean soil would prevent any future occupants from exposure.

WHERE TO FIND PROJECT DOCUMENTS

DTSC Regional Office
9211 Oakdale Ave., Chatsworth, CA 90002
Call (818) 717-6605 for an appointment

Rio de Los Angeles State Park
1900 N San Fernando Rd., Los Angeles, CA 90065
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All documents are available on the EnviroStor database online:

https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=60001919

NEXT STEPS

DTSC invites the public to review and provide comments on the draft RAW during the public comment period. DTSC will collect and address all public comments received after the public comment period ends.

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