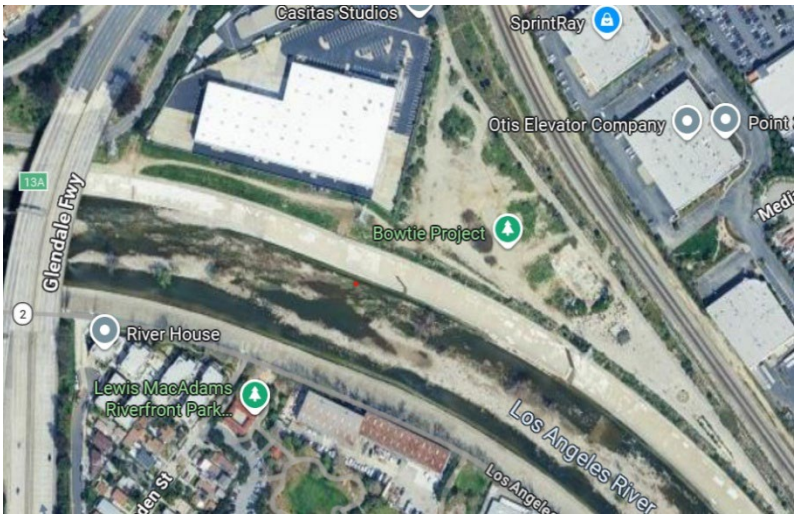
Comment on environmental cleanup in your area

Investigation and cleanup are needed for proposed future recreational use

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) wants to know what you think about the proposed cleanup, known as a Removal Action Workplan (RAW), at Taylor Yard Parcel G1, also known as The Bowtie Parcel (Site). The Site is located at 2780 W. Casitas Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90039.



Background

The Site is a former part of the Union Pacific Railroad's Taylor Yard in Los Angeles. The area was used for storing and maintaining trains starting in the early 1900s. Old railroad activities left behind areas where soil was affected by chemicals. California Department of Parks and Recreation bought the land in 2003, following the removal of contaminated soil from four areas, achieving partial soil closure to industrial standards. Environmental investigations conducted between 1997 and 2026 further evaluated residual contamination in soil, soil vapor and groundwater. California Department of Parks and Recreation plans to turn about 15 acres into a public park with walking trails, open space, recreational features, and habitat areas. The Site is next to homes, businesses and the Los Angeles River.

Comment on the RAW

You can send us your comments between **November 2, 2026,** and **December 16, 2026**. Comments must be submitted in writing via mail or e-mail to one of the addresses below:

Email
Tajinder Gill, Project Manager
Tajinder.Gill@dtsc.ca.gov

Mail
Tajinder Gill, Project Manager
DTSC Chatsworth Office
9211 Oakdale Avenue
Chatsworth, CA 91311

Public Meeting
A virtual public meeting will be held via Zoom on **November 19, 2026,** from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.
Where: Zoom - https://bit.ly/BowtieRAW
Call in: +1 669 444 - 9171
Webinar ID: 841 1238 7305
Passcode: 111111

We review and respond to all public comments before we approve or deny the workplan. We may edit the workplan based on your comments. All information you submit will be accessible to the public.

Reasons for the cleanup

Environmental investigations identified releases of hazardous substances to soil and soil vapor associated with historical railroad activities and regional groundwater contamination. Residual contamination remains in soil within approximately 2 feet of the ground surface, although localized contamination extends deeper.

The primary soil chemicals of concern are lead, arsenic, hexavalent chromium and dibenz(a,h) anthracene. Chemicals identified in soil vapor include tetrachloroethene, bromodichloromethane and dibromochloromethane.

The goal is to make the Site safer for future visitors, maintenance workers and construction workers.

Proposed cleanup

After careful analysis, the proposed remedy is:

- Targeted soil excavation and removal of soil from areas where chemical levels are too high
- Installing a vapor intrusion mitigation system, which is a protective system placed beneath new buildings to keep chemical vapors from entering indoor air
- Implementing institutional controls to ensure the land is used safely (for example, no homes or drinking-water wells)

After cleanup, the Site will be regraded, so the top 6 feet of soil meets cleanup goals and is safe for visitors and workers.

Learn more about the project

1. Find the draft cleanup plan and other documents at https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report?global_id=60001919.

2. Access physical copies at:

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   Chatsworth, CA 91311
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   Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
   You need an appointment

   Rio de Los Angeles State Park
   1900 N. San Fernando Road
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About us

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.

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Environmental impact (CEQA)

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires public agencies to evaluate and disclose environmental effects of a proposed project. To comply with CEQA, an Addendum has been prepared for the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Bowtie Park Development Project, which was previously adopted by the California Department of Parks and Recreation (the CEQA lead agency). DTSC will file a Notice of Determination (NOD) with the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation's CEQA State Clearinghouse after the workplan is finalized.

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You can use this form to mail us your comments on the RAW. **Make sure you send your comment by Friday, December 16, 2026.** Mail the form to:

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Public comment form

Name: _____

Agency or Organization (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Comments: _____