



Department of
Toxic Substances
Control

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provide the highest
level of safety, and
to protect public
health and the
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toxic harm.*



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Protection Agency

September 2009, Work Notice

Soil Excavation to Resume at the Former Union Pacific Rail Yard, Sacramento

Introduction

Starting in late September 2009, Curtis Park Village, under the supervision of the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), will resume the excavation and stockpiling of contaminated soil from past operations at the former Union Pacific Rail Yard at 3675 Western Pacific Avenue. The Soil removal activities were suspended in order to perform an additional soil investigation to re-assess the soil disposition plan. Contamination in soil consists primarily of lead, arsenic, and polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons.

All on-site activity will be conducted consistent with 1995 Remedial Action Plan. After the development plan and the subsequent soil disposition plan are approved and implemented by the end of 2010, Curtis Park Village will move forward to develop the property.

Where will the work take place?

Digging is planned to take place throughout the site. Please see maps in “*the Amendment to Remedial Design and Implementation Plan*” for specific areas of excavation. Please see the other side of this page for where you can review this Plan.

What will I see at the Rail Yard?

DTSC estimates contractors will excavate about 104,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil remaining from the inactive rail yard during the remainder of 2009. Following activities will be seen during this time:

- Water trucks for moistening the soil to minimize dust before digging begins
- Workers using excavators, backhoes, and loaders to dig out the soil and place it into on-site temporary stockpiles
- Workers spraying the stockpiles from the current excavation with a relatively clear surfactant and/or covering the stockpiles with plastic
- Workers collecting soil samples from each excavation to show that contaminated soil has been removed
- DTSC staff overseeing the cleanup activities at the site



When will work begin and end?

The work will start in late September and continue through the end of 2010. Workers will work from 6:30 a.m. and end about 7 p.m. on weekdays as daylight and weather permit.

How will workers control dust?

- All workers will follow the approved health and safety plan, which includes spraying water onto soil to moisten and suppress dust.
- Dust control monitoring will be conducted in accordance with an approved air monitoring plan. Workers will check the monitors regularly to maintain safe air levels and regulate activities to minimize dust leaving the Site.
- If high winds come up, workers will stop all soil moving activities immediately.

If you have any questions about the dust management program, please call Nathan Schumacher or Thomas Tse, at the numbers listed below.

Where do I get more information?

You may read "*Amendment to Remedial Design and Implementation Plan, Curtis Park Village, Sacramento, California*" (ERM, July 2009) for a detailed summary of the planned soil cleanup, available at the DTSC website at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov. Please type in "Sacramento" and click on the report for the Union Pacific Railroad, Curtis Park.

To review site related documents please visit:

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5600 South Land Park Drive
Sacramento, CA 95822
(916) 264-2700

Sacramento City College Library
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Who do I call if I have questions?

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TDD users can obtain additional information about the Curtis Park work by using the California State Relay Service (1-888-877-5378) and asking to speak with Nathan Schumacher at (916) 255-3650 about the former Union Pacific Curtis Park Rail Yard.