

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Department of Toxic Substances Control
 Site Mitigation and Restoration Program
 5796 Corporate Avenue
 Cypress, CA 92630

Project Title: Time Critical Removal Action, Arianza Neighborhood Residence		
Project Address: 9595 Manitoba Place	City: Riverside	County: Riverside
Approval Action Under Consideration by DTSC:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Removal Action Workplan	<input type="checkbox"/> Interim Removal	<input type="checkbox"/> Initial Permit Issuance
<input type="checkbox"/> Corrective Measure Study/Statement of Basis	<input type="checkbox"/> Permit Modification	<input type="checkbox"/> Permit Re-Issuance
<input type="checkbox"/> Remedial Action Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Regulations	<input type="checkbox"/> Closure Plan
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): Time Critical Removal Action		
Statutory Authority:		
<input type="checkbox"/> California H&SC, Chap. 6.5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California H&SC, Chap. 6.8 <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):		

Project Description: The project includes the excavation and off-site disposal of approximately 100 cubic yards of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) impacted soil within the backyard of a residence located at 9595 Manitoba Place (Site). The excavated soil will be replaced with clean fill and top soil as necessary to meet final grade. The City of Riverside (City) has entered in to a Voluntary Cleanup Agreement with the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC).

The City has requested DTSC oversight to conduct a limited removal action of PCB-impacted soil, in less than six (6) months at an unrestricted localized/ private residential backyard, which classifies this non-threat action as a time-critical removal action. The draft time-critical Removal Action proposes excavation and off-site disposal of PCB-impacted soil. The project will require approximately five (5) on-site working days to complete.

Background: DTSC conducted soil sampling in the vicinity of, or adjacent to, a historic sewage treatment plant (Riverside Agricultural Park (Ag Park)). The purpose of the sampling was to collect soil data to determine if PCBs had migrated to the neighborhood from Ag Park via windblown dust and; if so, if they presented a potential health risk. Based on the results of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) dispersion modeling analysis and additional input from the Ag Park Neighborhood Work Group, California Department of Public Health, CARB, US Environmental Protection Agency, and the City, DTSC shared a draft sampling plan with the community and released it for a 30-day public comment period. After considering all comments, DTSC finalized the sampling plan and began the neighborhood soil sampling in mid-summer 2017. DTSC selected twenty-seven residential properties and two additional properties owned by the City to sample for PCBs. Of those, only one residential backyard (Site) resulted in elevated PCB concentrations needing further evaluation.

DTSC collected 57 soil samples from the Site backyard (50 samples from the surface, 5 duplicate samples for Quality Assurance/Quality Control, and 2 samples from 2.5 feet below ground surface). Forty-six of the samples reported concentration of PCBs in excess of the soil cleanup goal (CG) of 0.22 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg). Concentrations reported from the 2.5-foot depth were below the CG. The levels of detected PCBs in soil were nominally above the CG and DTSC concluded that they do not pose an imminent or unacceptable health threat to residents. Consequently, DTSC did not require further action. The City, as a precautionary measure, requested DTSC's oversight to remove the surficial PCB-impacted soil at the Site. Based upon the technical basis and adequacy of Site sampling conducted, the extent of the PCB-impacted soil has been sufficiently delineated.

Project Activities: DTSC is considering this project as a Time Critical Removal Action based on the City's allocated timeframe and unrestricted residential setting of the Site. The proposed excavation limits are conservatively proposed to remove all exposed soils in the backyard of the property to a depth of 2 feet below ground surface. The selected alternative consists of the following activities:

- Clearing and Grubbing will include removing trees and mowing the lawn.
- Excavation of approximately 100 cubic yards of soil.
- Excavated soil will be stockpiled on either 10 mil visqueen or an impervious surface. Stockpiles will be covered and secured at the end of the day.
- Loading, transporting (5 or 6 end dump trucks over 2 to 3 days), and disposal of PCB-impacted soil.

- Backfilling with material consisting of 75% soil and 25% topsoil. Upon completion of the excavation and backfilling activities three new 24-inch box trees will be installed.
- In addition, a professional deep cleaning of the interior of the house including mopping of the hard floors; washing of the carpets; vacuuming and/or wiping furniture

A stabilized construction entrance/exit, or equivalent best management practices, will be utilized to control track out. In the event that track out cannot be controlled, manual sweeping, or a street sweeper will be used. Dust monitoring will be conducted during the excavation activities. Dust monitoring will consist to the placement of dust monitors, such as MIE 1000 Personal Data Rams, at an upwind and downwind location.

In the event biological, cultural or historical resources are discovered in the course of project activities, work will be suspended while a qualified biologist, cultural or historical specialist makes an assessment of the area and arrangements are made to protect or preserve any resources that are discovered. If human remains are discovered, no further disturbance will occur in the location where the remains are found, and the County Coroner will be notified pursuant to the Health and Safety Code, Chapter 2, Section 7050.5.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Toxic Substances Control

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Riverside

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(1); CCR, Sec. 15268]
 Declared Emergency [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(3); CCR, Sec.15269(a)]
 Emergency Project [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(4); CCR, Sec.15269(b)(c)]
 Categorical Exemption: [CCR Title 14, Sec. 15330]
 Statutory Exemptions: [State code section number]
 Common Sense Exemption [CCR, Sec. 15061(b)(3)]

Exemption Title: Minor Actions to Prevent, Minimize, Stabilize, Mitigate, or Eliminate the Release or Threat of Release of Hazardous Waste or Substances.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

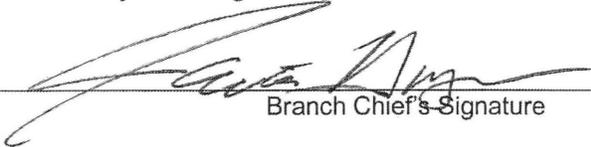
1. The project is a minor action designed to prevent, minimize, stabilize, mitigate, or eliminate the release or threat of release of hazardous waste or hazardous substances.
2. The project will not exceed \$1 million in cost.
3. The project will be consistent with applicable State and local environmental permitting requirements.
4. The project does not involve the onsite use of a hazardous waste incinerator or thermal treatment unit.
5. The project does not involve the relocation of residences or businesses.
6. The project does not involve the potential release into the air of volatile organic compounds as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 25123. (Exception: Small-scale in situ soil vapor extraction and treatment systems which have been permitted by the local Air Pollution Control District or Air Quality Management District.)
7. The exceptions pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15300.2 have been addressed as follows:
 - a. Cumulative Impact. The project will not result in cumulative impacts because it is designed to be a short-term final remedy that would not lead to a succession of projects of the same type in the same place over time.
 - b. Significant Effect. The environmental safeguards and monitoring procedures that are enforceable and made a condition of project approval will prevent unusual circumstances from occurring so that there is no possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment.
 - c. Scenic Highways. The project will not damage scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, because it is not located within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway.
 - d. Hazardous Waste Sites. The project is not located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.
(<http://calepa.ca.gov/sitecleanup/corteselist/default.htm>)
 - e. Historical Resources. The project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource at the Site because there are none at the Site.

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Evidence to support the above reasons is documented in the project file record, available for inspection at:

File Room
Department of Toxic Substances Control
Brownfields Restoration and School Evaluation Branch
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https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=60002743

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