

**October 2004  
FACT SHEET  
#2**

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## ***Second public comment period on proposed soil cleanup for Whittaker-Bermite***

Para información en español por favor comuníquese con Leticia Hernández al numero (714) 484-5488.



*Whittaker-Bermite is located at 22116 West Soledad Canyon Road, Santa Clarita.*

This is the second of two fact sheets requesting public comment concerning the proposal to clean up chemicals in soil at Operable Unit 1 (OU1) located along the eastern portion of the Whittaker-Bermite site.

In response to feedback received during the initial public comment period and meeting on the Draft Remedial Action Plan (RAP) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Negative Declaration, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has taken the following steps:

- Changed the CEQA Negative Declaration to a Mitigated Negative Declaration.
- Made the Draft Remedial Design available for public comment.
- Extended public comment for a final 45-day period.

Further information and project documents are available at the information repositories listed on page 2.

### **Public Meeting**

**October 28, 2004**

6:00 p.m.

Santa Clarita City Council Chambers  
23920 Valencia Boulevard  
Santa Clarita, California 91355

This meeting is your opportunity to hear more about the proposed cleanup and ask questions. You may submit oral and written comments at the meeting.

### **45-Day Public Comment Period**

**October 4 to November 17, 2004**

Written comments on the Draft Remedial Action Plan, Draft Remedial Design and Mitigated Negative Declaration must be postmarked by November 17, 2004, and sent to Jose Diaz at the address listed on page 3.

### **Meeting Accessibility**

For information on accessibility and to request reasonable accommodation, please call Tim Chauvel at (714) 484-5487.

## Site history

Since 1934, various manufacturing activities took place at the Whittaker-Bermite site under the ownership and operation of several companies. These activities involved the manufacturing or processing of materials related to fireworks, dynamite, oil field explosives and munitions.

## History of public comment on proposed cleanup

From May 10 through June 11, 2004, DTSC held an initial 30-day public comment period on the Draft Remedial Action Plan (RAP) and CEQA Negative Declaration. A public meeting took place on May 19th. An extension to the initial public comment period was announced via a letter to residents on June 16, 2004. As of October 4, 2004, a final public comment period of 45 days will be held so that you can formally comment on the Draft RAP, Remedial Design and CEQA phase of the proposed cleanup of OU1.

## Draft Remedial Action Plan (RAP)

The Draft RAP is a proposed cleanup plan that addresses the cleanup of shallow soils in the area designated as OU1. A health-risk assessment concluded that perchlorate and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) contamination in soil poses a health risk to potential future users of the site. The preferred cleanup remedies for OU1 involves the use of a Soil-Vapor Extraction system (SVE) and treatment of excavated soils via bioremediation, soil washing and chemical oxidation.

## Draft Remedial Design

The Draft Remedial Design provides extensive detail of the proposed procedures and methods for the preferred remedial actions including site preparation, excavation and grading, onsite soil staging, treatment designs, and off-site disposal plans. It also includes descriptions of environmental control

measures for noise, dust and air emissions, health and safety plans, and ordinance clearance.

## Mitigated Negative Declaration

As required by state law, DTSC studied the possible effect of the cleanup to determine if the cleanup process itself would have a harmful effect on public health and the environment. An Initial Study determined that the cleanup would not have adverse environmental impacts. Therefore, a "Negative Declaration" was prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). However, after considering public comments during the initial public comment period, DTSC prepared a revised Initial Study and a Mitigated Negative Declaration. The changes were made to address potential impacts to air quality, site geology and soils, and certain wildlife species. Mitigation measures have been included and will be implemented to prevent any impact to human health and the environment.

## More information available at the library and at our agency's office

We have information available on the proposed cleanup at the following locations:

Department of Toxic Substances Control  
1011 North Grandview Avenue, Glendale,  
CA 91201. Contact: Jose Diaz, (818) 551-2171

City of Santa Clarita Planning Department  
23920 Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita.  
Contact: Lisa Hardy, (661) 259-4330

City of Santa Clarita Public Library – Valencia Branch, 23743 W. Magic Mountain Parkway, Santa Clarita. Contact: (661) 259-8942

City of Santa Clarita Public Library – Canyon County Branch, 18601 Soledad Canyon Road, Santa Clarita. Contact: (661) 251-2720

## Where to send comments

Comments must be postmarked, faxed, or emailed by November 17, 2004, and sent to:

Mr. Jose Diaz  
Dept. of Toxic Substances Control  
1011 North Grandview Avenue  
Glendale, CA 91201  
Email [jdiaz@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:jdiaz@dtsc.ca.gov)  
Fax: (818) 551-2832

## Who to contact at our agency

If you have questions regarding the cleanup, please call or email the following people at the Department of Toxic Substances Control:

Jose Diaz, Project Manager  
(818) 551-2171  
Email: [jdiaz@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:jdiaz@dtsc.ca.gov)

Tim Chauvel, Public Participation Specialist  
(714) 484-5487  
Email: [tchauvel@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:tchauvel@dtsc.ca.gov)

Jeanne Garcia  
Public Information Officer (Media only)  
(818) 551-2176  
Email: [jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov)

## Web site information

For more information about the Whittaker-Bermite cleanup, please go to **[www.whittaker-bermite.com](http://www.whittaker-bermite.com)**, and DTSC's Web site at **[www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov)**.

## Free information line

If you have any questions about the work being undertaken to investigate and cleanup the Whittaker-Bermite property, please call our information line at **(661) 705-1444** for the latest information.

## Notice to Hearing Impaired

You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 (TDD). Ask them to contact Jose Diaz at (818) 551-2171.



## WHITTAKER-BERMITE COMMENT FORM

If you have any comments concerning the Draft Remedial Action Plan, Remedial Design and CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration for the OU1 soil cleanup at the Whittaker-Bermite site, please send your comments by November 17, 2004 to: Mr. Jose Diaz, Project Manager, Department of Toxic Substances Control, 1011 N. Grandview Avenue, Glendale, CA 91201. Please include your name and address if you would like to be placed on DTSC's mailing list, or check this box [ ] if you would like your name removed from the list.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number and e-mail (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Comments (attach additional pages if needed): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Note:** Your comments are part of the public record and, if requested, may be subject to release.



State of California  
Department of Toxic Substances Control  
Attn: Tim Chauvel  
5796 Corporate Avenue  
Cypress, CA 90630

**Inside: Information on the  
Whittaker- Bermite Site**