

# COMMUNITY Notice

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances through the restoration of contaminated resources, enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.

## DTSC & Regional Board Join Efforts to Clean Up former Athens Tank Farm

### Why This Notice?

On July 25th, 2012, the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) announced its decision to assign the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) a co-lead role with the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) to ensure the health, safety, cleanup and community outreach efforts are conducted collaboratively on the former Athens Tank Farm site and surrounding area. As you may know, environmental work being conducted has been under the regulatory lead of the Regional Board with support from DTSC. DTSC will continue to work with the Regional Board but provide a lead role on the site's Health Risk Assessment and will also assume the lead in public outreach and communication efforts. The former Athens Tank Farm site is located north by east 120th Street, west by Avalon Boulevard, south by El Segundo Boulevard, and east by the now vacant single family residential development known as Ujima Village Apartment Complex and Earvin "Magic" Johnson Regional Park.

### Why Co-lead Agencies?

DTSC is pleased to partner with the Regional Board in a collaborative cleanup effort to address community concerns and public requests received from various community stakeholders (Los Angeles County Supervisor, Mark Ridley-Thomas, community activists and Willowbrook residents, etc.) who expressed enormous support for DTSC to lead certain efforts to clean up the former Athens Tank Farm site. Specifically, DTSC will continue its lead efforts on the required Health Risk assessment and any indoor air sampling activities (for site cleanup plans), and will also lead community outreach efforts. The Regional Board will serve as lead for site cleanup and enforcement. By DTSC and the Regional Board co-leading project efforts, this additional agency support will bring core agency competencies together to best serve the community, the County of Los Angeles and the State of California.

### Community Outreach

DTSC has met with the Regional Board to determine what future community outreach efforts need to be planned and conducted. DTSC is aware of community concerns on environmental safety and public health, and in response, DTSC will work and meet collaboratively with various agencies and community stakeholder groups and engage future opportunities for public involvement.

### Contact Information

For further information regarding the former Athens Tank Farm site, please contact the Regional Board Project Manager, Dr. Teklewold Ayalew, at (213) 576-6739, e-mail: [tayalew@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:tayalew@waterboards.ca.gov), DTSC Public Participation Specialist, Stacey Lear, (714) 484-5354 or e-mail: [slear@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:slear@dtsc.ca.gov). For media inquiries, please contact Jeanne Garcia, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (818) 717-6573 or e-mail: [jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov).

### Notice to the Hearing Impaired

You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 (TDD). Please ask them to contact Stacey Lear at (714) 484-5354 regarding the former Athens Tank Farm site. For additional information regarding DTSC, please visit our web site at [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov).

**NOTICE TO HEARING IMPAIRED INDIVIDUALS:** TTY users may use the California Relay Service at 1-877-735-2929 or (711). Please see contact name at the end of report.

