



State of California
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control
Board

FACT SHEET
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Update: Next Steps for the Investigation and
Cleanup of the Carousel Tract Community

Introduction

This Fact Sheet has been prepared to provide you with an update on the status of the environmental investigation and cleanup activities being conducted at the Carousel Tract community located in the City of Carson. In addition, this fact sheet contains information about technical milestones and upcoming opportunities for public input.

By the end of 2013, Shell Oil Products US (Shell) will be required to submit a cleanup strategy, called a Remedial Action Plan (or RAP), that details how Shell will go about cleaning residual oil and other wastes in soil and groundwater in the community that was caused by activities at the Former Kast Tank Farm Property. The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) oversees the investigation and cleanup activities at the Carousel Tract community to assure that all environmental work is conducted in a thorough manner that is most protective of human health and the environment.

At this time, the Regional Board is encouraging public review and comment on a document called the Site-Specific Cleanup Goal Report.

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

Monday, June 10, 2013 at 6 p.m.
Carson Community Center
Community Hall C
801 East Carson Street
Carson, CA 90745

The Regional Board will host a community open house to discuss project activities being conducted at the Carousel Tract community. The Regional Board recommends that you attend this open house to learn about and provide input on the activities associated with the investigation and cleanup at the site.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments will be accepted through June 24

The Site-Specific Cleanup Goal Report is available for public review at the locations listed on page 3 of this Fact Sheet. The Regional Board will make a final decision on the Site-Specific Cleanup Goal Report after all public comments have been reviewed. Please submit written comments postmarked on or before **June 24, 2013** to:

Cynthia Miller, Public Participation Specialist
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Comments submitted via email should be sent to:
cynthia.miller@waterboards.ca.gov

What is a Site-Specific Cleanup Goal?

A Site-Specific Cleanup Goal is the standard that the cleanup must meet to assure protection of the health of people in the community, and protection of the environment. Shell will be required to clean soil and groundwater in the community to a level that meets the established cleanup goal for the Carousel Tract community. Before the Regional Board considers the site fully remediated, confirmation of soil and groundwater sampling will be performed to ensure that the cleanup goal has been achieved.

The Site-Specific Cleanup Goal Report, currently available for public review and comment, was prepared by Shell pursuant to the Cleanup and Abatement Order issued by the Regional Board. The Site-Specific Cleanup Goal Report will be used to determine the methods and extent of remediation, which will be detailed in a RAP that will be prepared in the upcoming months.

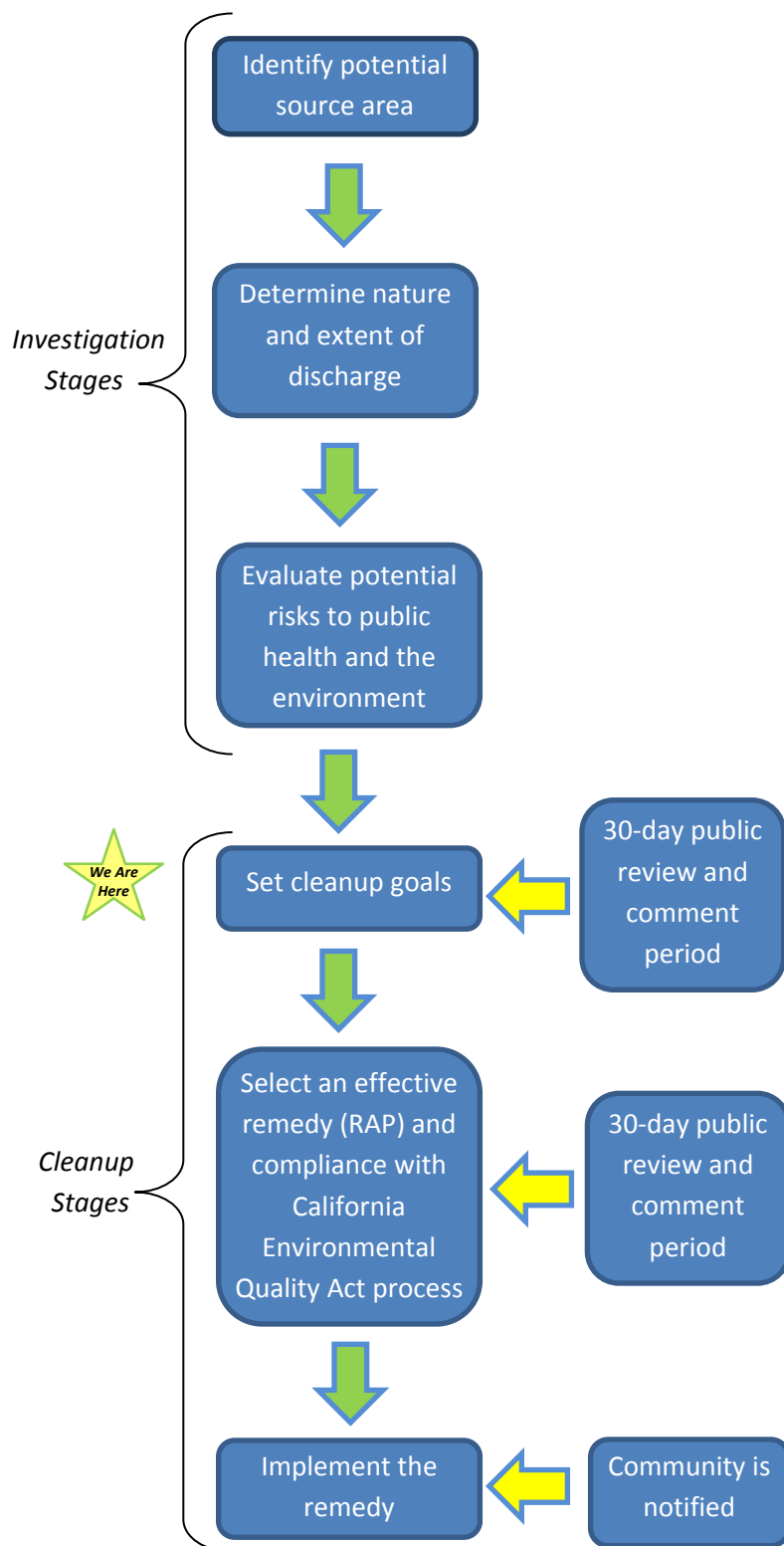
Update on Environmental Investigation

The Regional Board’s investigation priorities for the Carousel Tract community have focused on determining whether the community is safe using the following criteria:

- Are residents breathing vapors from soil and groundwater contamination?
- Is the accumulation of methane posing a threat to residents’ safety?
- Is the drinking water contaminated?

Ongoing monitoring of methane, and sampling of soil vapor and groundwater have indicated

Where We Are In The Site Cleanup Process



that there is no immediate health risk to residents. Since 2008, more than 14,000 samples of soil, groundwater, and indoor air have been collected and analyzed. Results of all sampling, including indoor air sampling conducted in homes can be requested by contacting Regional Board staff, or can be viewed online by going to:

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/Kast/index.shtml>.

Next Steps

At the end of the public comment period for the Site-Specific Cleanup Goal Report, the Regional Board and the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment will review and consider all public comments received. If necessary, Shell will make revisions to the Report prior to final approval. A Response to Comments document will be mailed to those who provide contact information with their comment submission.

Once the Site-Specific Cleanup Goal Report is approved, the Regional Board will direct Shell to prepare the RAP which will detail how Shell proposes to accomplish cleanup of the Carousel Tract community. The RAP and other documents, including, as necessary California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documents, will be made available to the public for review and comment.

Cleanup of the Carousel Tract community will begin once the Regional Board issues an approval of the RAP and completes the CEQA documents.

Information Resources

The Regional Board invites and encourages you to learn more about this site and to comment on its investigation. Work plans, sampling results, and assessment reports for the site are available for public review. For your convenience, relevant project documents have been placed at the Carson Public Library. The complete administrative file for this project is available for review at the Regional Board's office and on the website listed below.

Carson Public Library

151 E. Carson St.

Carson, CA 90745-2797

(310) 830-0901

Mon. – Thu.: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fri.: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sat.: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun.: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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By appointment, please call (213) 576-6600 or fax your request to (213) 576-6717

The administrative file for the site can be viewed by going to:

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/Kast/index.shtml>

For More Information On This Site

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