

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: Department of Toxic Substances Control
Site Mitigation and Restoration Program
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, CA 95826

Project Title: Lot X Removal Action Workplan		
Project Address: N Street, Capitol Mall, and 3rd Street	City: Sacramento	County: Sacramento
Applicant: Sacramento Kings		
Approval Action Under Consideration by DTSC:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Removal Action Workplan	<input type="checkbox"/> Initial Permit Issuance	<input type="checkbox"/> Permit Re-Issuance
<input type="checkbox"/> Corrective Measure Study/Statement of Basis	<input type="checkbox"/> Permit Modification	<input type="checkbox"/> Closure Plan
<input type="checkbox"/> Remedial Action Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Regulations	<input type="checkbox"/> Interim Removal
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):		
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 purpose of the project is to remediate soil onsite where lead was found to exceed the respective screening level. Project activities include the excavation of approximately 1,500 cubic yards (or about 3,000 tons) of lead-contaminated soil and off-site disposal. The removal reduces the human health-based risk assessments to an acceptable standard for residential use. Project activities are detailed in the Removal Action Workplan (RAW) submitted on November 5, 2019, by Stantec, on behalf of the Sacramento Kings.

Background:

Lot X is located on the northwestern corner of the intersection of N Street and 3rd Street in Sacramento, California. The Site is approximately 2.5-acres in size and is divided into two portions by a curvilinear paved street (formerly Slip Street) that runs across the central portion of the Site. The western portion of the Site is currently a paved parking lot used by the City of Sacramento. The eastern portion of the Site is currently an undeveloped landscaped area. The Site is bounded to the west by Interstate 5, to the north by Capitol Mall, beyond which lies an undeveloped area, to the east by high-rise commercial buildings, and to the south by Crocker Park and the Crocker Art Museum.

Historical use of the western portion of the Site consisted of a former gasoline and oil facility and former chemical storage warehouses, prior to the City of Sacramento obtaining the Site for use as a parking lot. The eastern portion of the Site was also reported to have historical gasoline and oil facilities, auto greasing and auto repair facilities, and a laundry facility. A railway freight depot and freight warehouses were reportedly present immediately west of the Site. Environmental assessment at the site has determined that much of the eastern portion of the site contains backfill, believed to have been historically placed at the site raising the elevation of the eastern portion of the site a few feet higher than the western portion of the site. The source of the backfill is not known.

Lead was historically used in various manufacturing processes. It was used in paint until 1978, when federal laws changed to restrict its use, and as an additive in gasoline until it was phased out in the 1980s. In an assessment conducted by Geocon in 2005, six direct push borings were advanced to depths ranging from 8 to 16 feet bgs at the site, which resulted in lead concentrations ranging from 5.0 to 880 mg/kg. These lead concentrations showed to be above naturally occurring background levels and were reported in most of the fill material soil samples. These elevated levels found within portions of the backfill materials may have resulted from the use of lead-based paint or may have been aerially deposited by automobiles that used leaded gasoline.

The Site is on the Cortese List (Government Code Section 65962.5) due to its listing on the State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker, as Site Number T0606716751 as potentially containing a leaking underground storage tank (LUST). Previous investigations at the Site have not identified a UST; however, construction debris and some petroleum stained soils were observed in during trenching in a location where the LUST was thought to have been.

Project Activities:

The RAW details the excavation and off-site disposal of impacted soil. The scope of work includes the following:

- Tree removal at excavation sites, which will be coordinated with the City of Sacramento;
- Geophysical survey to further define the extent of fill and debris materials around the lead-impacted areas;
- Pre-characterization sampling of soil in areas to be excavated for waste disposal, where applicable;
- Confirmation sampling of shallow soil to allow overburden to be reused as excavation backfill based on stockpile sampling at a rate of 4:1 composite per 250 cubic yards of stockpiled soil;
- Excavation and removal of lead impacted soil and associated fill/debris in the eastern half of the Site where lead concentrations were reported above DTSC screening limits;
- Post-excavation soil sampling to confirm that the soil remediation goal has been met;
- Soil excavations will be backfilled with clean overburden soil from the Site;
- Site restoration will include grading of the eastern area and repaving of the existing parking lot; and
- Air monitoring and implementation of dust-suppression protocols during soil and debris removal activities.

About 1,500 cubic yards (or about 3,000 tons) of lead-contaminated soil will be removed and taken off-site for disposal. It will take about 200 truckloads to remove the contaminated soil from the site. Trucks leave the site going south on 3rd Street, then right on P Street, then onto Interstate 5. The soil will be taken to a state licensed and approved disposal and/or treatment facility. This work is limited to the hours between 7am and 5pm daily. The cleanup process is expected to take about 3 weeks. Upon project completion, the eastern portion of the Site will remain open and the existing parking lot will resume operation.

Specific enforceable environmental safeguards and monitoring procedures will be made a condition of project approval to ensure that impacts to the environment are less than significant. In addition, the following actions will be implemented during this process to ensure public safety and minimize dust:

- Installing temporary fencing with windscreens for security and dust control
- Driving all vehicles at slow speeds while on the property
- Spraying of work areas with clean water to control dust
- Securing trucks with covers before they leave the site
- Brushing tires of all trucks entering or exiting the site to remove soils and debris
- Monitoring the air at the site to ensure the amount of dust stays at safe levels

Although not anticipated, in the event that 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: Sacramento Kings

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. 153###]
- Statutory Exemptions: [State Code Section Number]
- Common Sense Exemption [CCR, Sec. 15061(b)(3)]


Exemption Title: *Common Sense Exemption* - Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: DTSC has determined with certainty that there is no possibility that the activities in question may have a significant effect on the environment because the project would not result in "a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in any of the physical conditions within the area affected by the project, including land, air, water, minerals, flora, fauna, ambient noise, and objects of historic or aesthetic significance."

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

Department of Toxic Substances Control
File Room
Site Mitigation and Restoration Program
8800 Cal Center Drive
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Envirostor website: https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=60002790

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