

**TOWN OF FAIRFAX
STAFF REPORT**

To: Mayor, Members of the Town Council
From: Michael Rock, Town Manager *MFR*
Date: February 2, 2011
Subject: Report on the Status of the Presence of PCE at the Fair Anselm Retail Center

DISCUSSION

UPDATED INFORMATION:

DTSC issued a Work Notice on January 11, 2010 and is attached to this report and was mailed out to the community and is also available on line on the Town's home page.

The work notice will allow for sampling to commence on the Fair Anselm site. The sampling will take place the week of January 24, 2011.

The samples will then be analyzed and depending upon the outcome of the sampling either a cleanup plan or another round of sampling will occur.

BACKGROUND

For internet information click on this link for all current and future information on this cleanup site:

http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=60001218

The site has been determined to be an administrative order which means there is no immediate public health risk. This does not mean that there are not levels of PCE that could be harmful if exposed on a long term and chronic basis.

ATTACHMENT

1. DTSC Work Notice



Work Notice
Fair - Anselm Center, Inc.
700 – 711 Center Boulevard
Fairfax, CA



Field Work Beginning Week of January 24, 2011

Purpose of this Work Notice:

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is distributing this work notice to inform the community about air, soil, and groundwater testing activities that are scheduled to begin the week of January 24, 2011, at the Fair- Anselm Center, Inc.(Site), located at 700 - 711 Center Boulevard in Fairfax, California.

In 2001, a five-gallon-spill of tetrachloroethylene (PCE), a common dry cleaning solvent, occurred at the Site, which resulted in 52 cubic yards of PCE-contaminated soil being removed. DTSC was not involved in this cleanup. Since that time, investigations conducted by private entities have found elevated concentrations of PCE in air and soil samples at the Site. DTSC has determined that further investigation is necessary to develop an appropriate plan for the Site. After the investigation is complete, DTSC will determine a suitable cleanup remedy that is protective of public health and the environment. You will then be notified about a 30-day public comment period that will be held on the proposed cleanup plan, giving you an opportunity to review and comment on any projected cleanup activities.

What work will be done?

The sampling work to evaluate and investigate the soil, soil gas, and groundwater in and around the Site will be conducted according to DTSC's approved Remedial Investigation Workplan. All work will be conducted between the hours of 8:00 am and 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday, beginning the week of January 24. The work should take no longer than a month to finish. Work activities will include the following:

- A video camera will be used to check for any cracks or holes in the sewer line underneath the site that may be exposure pathways for contaminants.
- Equipment will be brought in on an all-terrain vehicle. A 100- to 200-pound weight will be dropped onto a pad in the parking lot east of the Fair Anselm Center. The weight will produce seismic (sound) waves used to gather subsurface information.
- A ground penetrating radar survey will be performed at the Site inside the former Broadway Video location and in the parking lot, to obtain information about the underlying bedrock.
- Forty soil gas samples will be collected in the former Broadway Video location and in the parking lot. Five soil samples will be taken from outside locations. Groundwater samples may also be collected. A mobile laboratory will be located close to the Site.

Workers will be wearing safety gear while working onsite. There should be no significant disruption of traffic, dust, or other nuisances associated with this work.

How can I find out more?

A complete record of Site related documents, including the workplan mentioned above, can be found at the following locations:

Fairfax Public Library
2097 Sir Francis Drake Blvd.
Fairfax, California 94930
(415) 453-8151

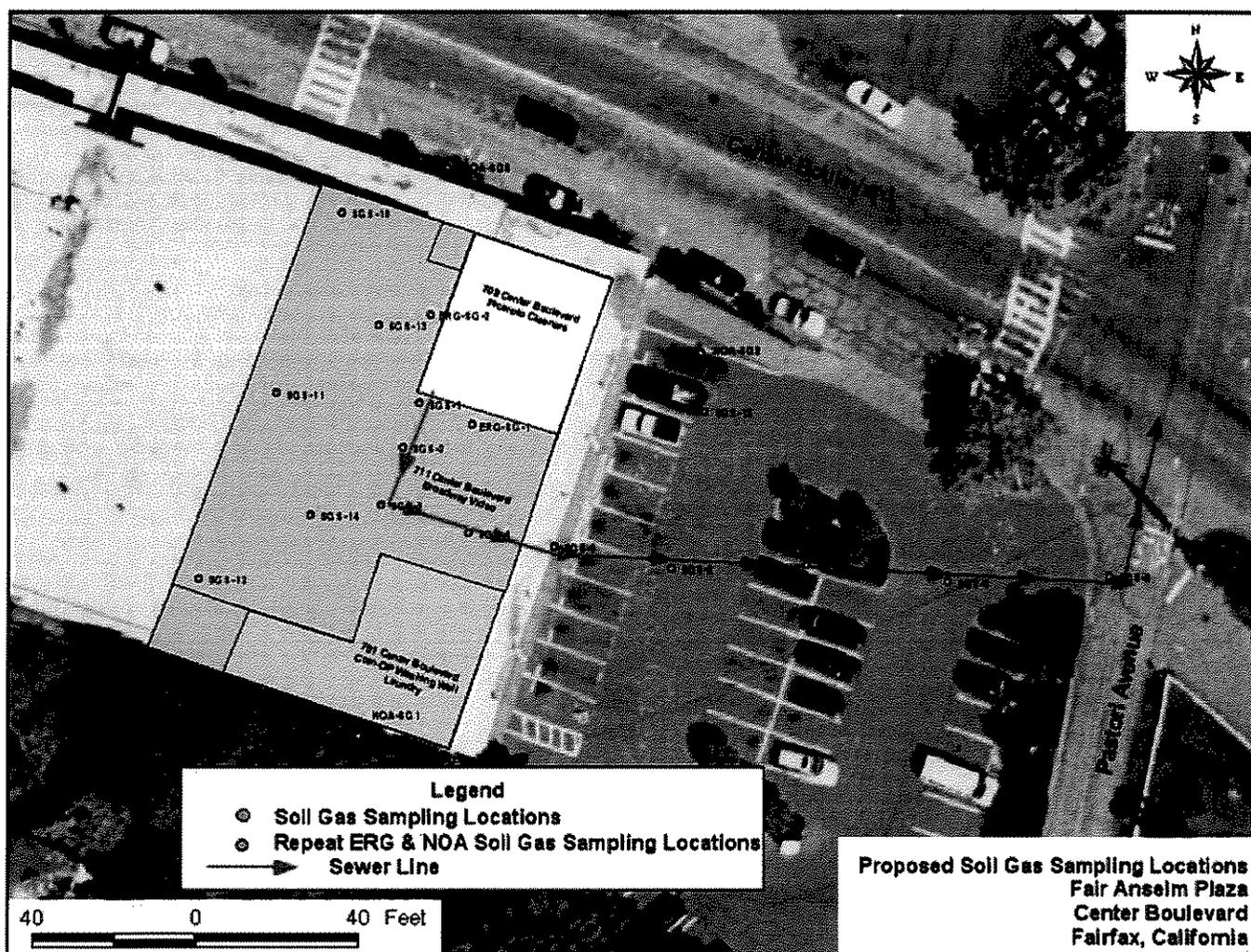
Department of Toxic Substance Control
700 Heinz Ave
Berkeley, California 94710
(510) 540-3800 (call for appointment)

Information about the Site can be found online at <http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public>. Type "Fairfax" in the City field, and then click on "Get Report." Find "Fair Anselm Center, Inc." and click on "Report" link ext to the Site name. Sign up for DTSC email alerts notifying you when new documents are available by clicking at the top right link on the EnviroStor report page for this Site.

Contact Information

If you have any questions about this work, please contact DTSC's Project Manager, Matthew Huang, at (510) 540-3740 or MHuang@dtsc.ca.gov. You may also contact DTSC's Public Participation Specialist, Radhika Majhail at (916) 255-6681 or RMajhail@dtsc.ca.gov. For media inquiries, please contact DTSC Public Information Officer Charlotte Fadipe at (916)323-3395 or CFadipe@dtsc.ca.gov.

All documents made available to the public by DTSC can be provided in an alternate format (i.e., Braille, large print, etc.) or in another language as appropriate, in accordance with State and Federal law. Please contact Radhika Majhail noted above for assistance.



Map showing soil gas sampling locations