

**TOWN OF FAIRFAX  
STAFF REPORT**

**To: Mayor, Members of the Town Council**  
**From: Michael Rock, Town Manager**   
**Date: August 4, 2010**  
**Subject: Report on the Status of the Presence of PCE at the Fair Anselm Retail Center**

**DISCUSSION**

Since Vice Mayor Bragman and I met with Angela Blanchette, Information Officer and Radhika Majhail, Public Participation Specialist both with the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) on June 29, 2010, the DTSC sent out a community survey on July 30, 2010 to all residents and businesses within a quarter of a mile of the Fair Anselm Plaza. DTSC has asked the survey be completed by August 13, 2010. The survey will guide the DTSC and the property owners in the proper course of action to remediate the site.

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

After the surveys are reviewed the next step is to form the testing protocol and concurrently speak in detail with employees of the Fair Anselm and neighbors residing in a quarter mile radius of the retail center to gather as much information as possible as to the circumstances and history of the site.

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.

DTSC officials claim that by the fall of this year there will be a Draft Clean-Up Plan for public review. The public review period will last at least 30 days after which time the Clean-Up Plan will be finalized and the actual clean-up of the site can begin.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Community Survey Letter from the Department of Toxic Substances Control
2. Community Survey



## Department of Toxic Substances Control

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July 30, 2010

Dear Community Member,

The purpose of this letter is to introduce myself to you and to inform you about an environmental investigation at the Fair-Anselm Center, Inc. (referred to in this letter as the "Site"). I encourage you to complete and return the brief community survey enclosed with this letter.

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is the regulatory agency providing oversight of the investigations and any potential cleanup activities at the Site. Your response to this survey will help DTSC to determine the level of interest and conduct outreach activities to inform the community about the project.

This Site is located at 700 - 771 Center Boulevard in Fairfax, California. Approximately 20 businesses are located at the Site, including a dry cleaners, laundromat, bike shop, brewery, hair salon and health club, among others. 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. As a result, DTSC has determined that further investigation is necessary to develop an appropriate plan for the Site. Once the DTSC-approved investigation is complete, the Department will determine if a cleanup activity is necessary. DTSC will then review and approve an appropriate cleanup proposal. At that time, a fact sheet will be sent to you providing a summary of the proposed cleanup activities giving you an opportunity to review and comment on those activities.

Please complete and return the enclosed survey by **August 13, 2010**. For further information about this Community Survey or public involvement, please contact me at (510) 540-3911 or by email at [WHagen@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:WHagen@dtsc.ca.gov). For additional information about environmental activities at the Site, please contact Matthew Huang, DTSC Project Manager, at (510) 540-3740 or by e-mail at [MHuang@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:MHuang@dtsc.ca.gov). For media questions, please contact Robert Palomares, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (916) 324-7031 or by e-mail at [RPalomar@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:RPalomar@dtsc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

Wayne Hagen  
Public Participation Specialist  
Department of Toxic Substances Control

**Community Survey for Fair-Anselm Center, Fairfax, CA**

Please return this community survey by **August 13, 2010**, in the enclosed, stamped envelope. Where more than one box is presented, please mark only one box.

**1. Please mark your current knowledge about this Site.**

- I do not know anything about this Site.
- I have heard about this Site but have little or no information on it.
- I know a lot about this Site.

**2. Please mark your interest in this Site.**

- I do not know anything about this Site and cannot tell you if I am interested or not.
- I have no interest. I would not be interested in information about this Site.
- I have some interest. I would be interested in hearing or reading more about this Site.
- I am very interested. I would read information mailed to me and talk to people about this Site.

**3. Please mark your willingness to attend a meeting regarding this Site.**

- I would not attend a meeting.
- I might attend a meeting if it was convenient for me.
- I would attend a meeting.

**4. Please tell us how many times you have attended a public meeting on an issue that concerns you?**

- Never
- 1-2 times
- 3-5 times
- More than 5 times

**5. Do you have a language preference for receiving information about this Site?**

- English
- Spanish
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**6. We want to tell you more about this Site. What is the best way to give you information?**

(Check all that apply)

- Printed material and/or letters.
- By email. What is your email? \_\_\_\_\_
- Social networking sites. What social networking sites do you use?  
 Facebook  Twitter  Myspace  Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Community meetings. When is the best time for you to attend?  
 During the day  In the evening  On Saturday

**7. We sometimes need to talk with community members to learn more about the local community perspective of this Site. Would you be willing to talk with us?**

- No
- Yes → How may we contact you?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

8. Do you know of an active community group(s) or individual(s) in your neighborhood that we should add to our mailing list? If so, please provide us with the following information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

9. Please feel free to add any other comments you may have about this Site or public participation.

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10. If you received this survey by hand-delivery or e-mail and would like to receive more information regarding this Site, please complete the information below and we will add you to the mailing list.

By checking this box, you are requesting to be **REMOVED** from this mailing list. Please provide your name and address below for removal.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

We appreciate the time you have taken to fill out this survey for us. If you have questions or concerns regarding these Sites, please contact us. We want to hear from you.

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