

**TOWN OF FAIRFAX  
STAFF REPORT**

**To: Mayor, Members of the Town Council**

**From: Michael Rock, Town Manager** 

**Date: July 7, 2010**

**Subject: Report on the Status of the Presence of PCE at the Fair Anselm Retail Center**

**DISCUSSION**

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. Attached to this report are the documents the Town received from the DTSC at this meeting. Council may recall that DTSC issued a remedial action order on April 28, 2010. 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)

The purpose of our meeting on June 29, 2010 with DTSC officials was to find out the status of this site. DTSC informed Vice Mayor Bragman and me that officials are currently gathering all completed lab reports and historical reports on the site. The next step is to form the testing protocol and concurrently speak 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 Vice Mayor accompanied DTSC officials to the retail center immediately after our meeting on June 29, 2010. They did a cursory tour of the site and DTSC intends to return to the site soon to conduct interviews with occupants of the retail center and neighbors.

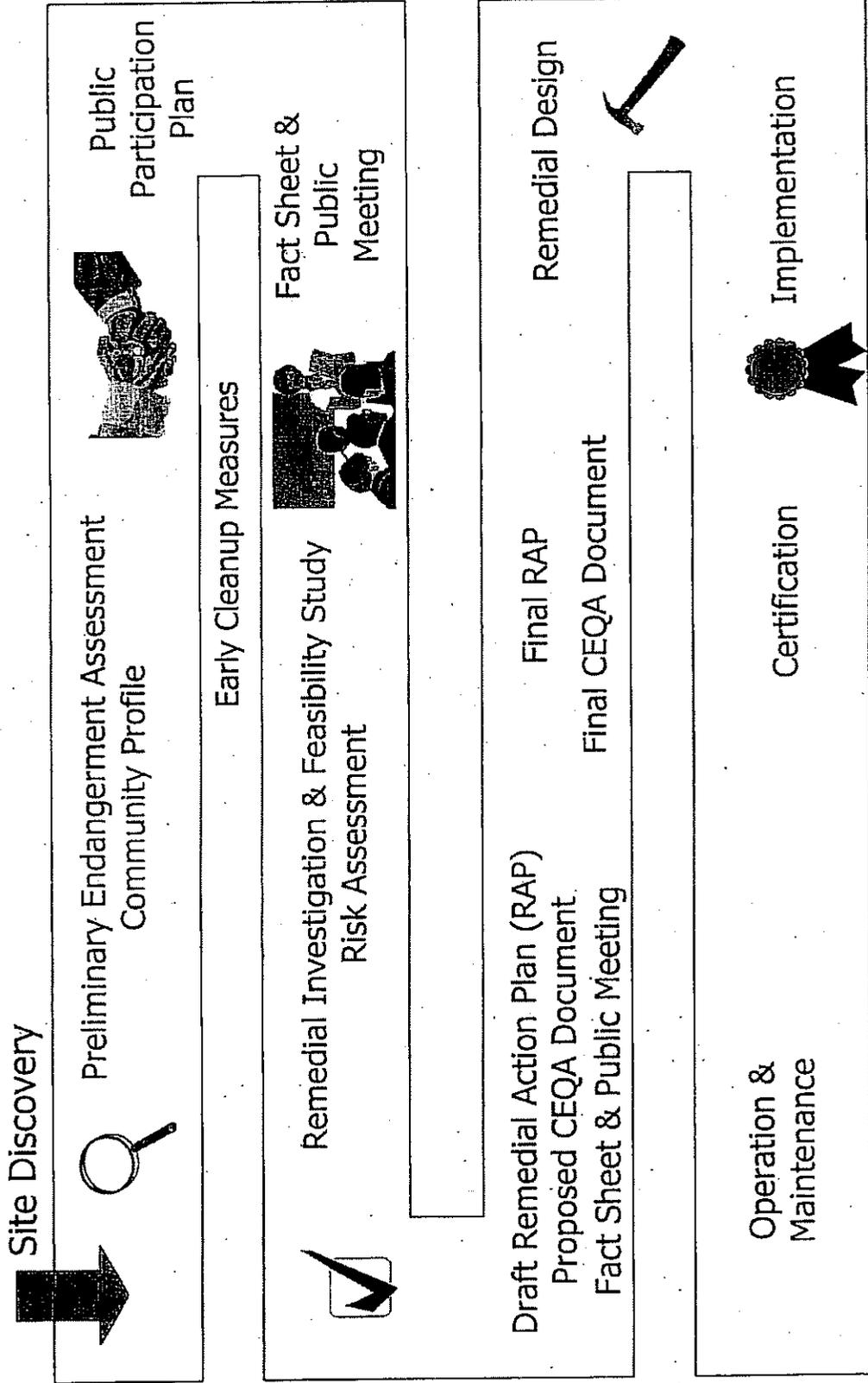
The site has been determined to be an administrative order which means there is no immediate public health risk. This does not mean that there are not levels of PCE that could be harmful if exposed on a long term and chronic basis.

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**

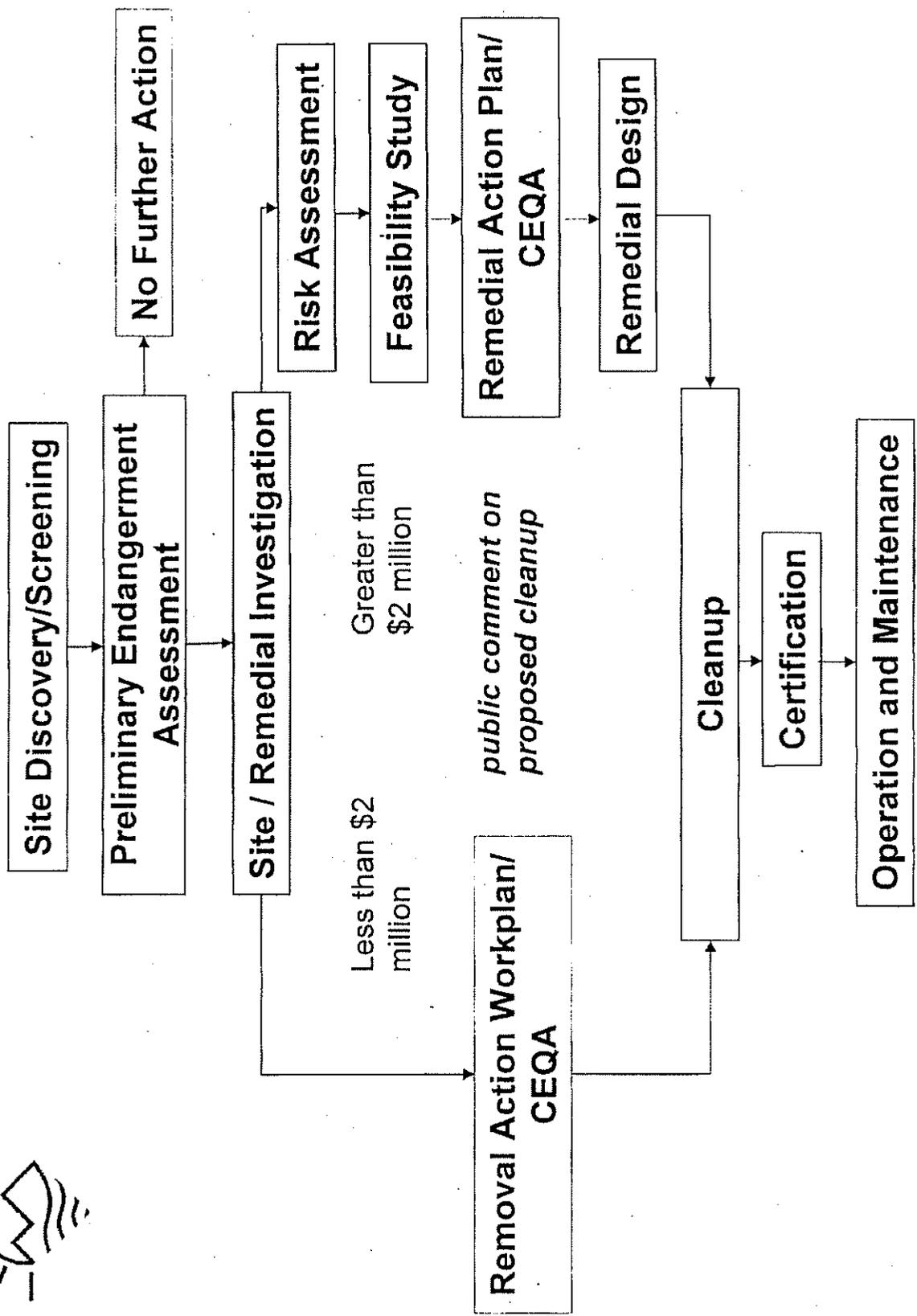
1. Site Investigation and Cleanup Process
2. DTSC Site Cleanup Process
3. Sample Community Survey Letter and Survey

# SITE INVESTIGATION AND CLEANUP PROCESS





# DTSC SITE CLEANUP PROCESS





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July XX, 2010

Dear Community Member,

The purpose of this letter is to introduce myself to you and to inform you about the environmental investigation and cleanup of the Fair-Anselm Center, Inc. (Site). The Site is located at 700 to 771 Center Boulevard, Fairfax, California. The State of California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is inviting you to participate in a brief Community Survey which is enclosed. DTSC is the regulatory agency providing oversight of the investigations and future cleanup activities at the Site.

The Site is 2.69 acres and is bordered to the north by Center Boulevard, to the south by San Anselmo Creek, to the east by Pastori Avenue, and to the west by a US postal office. The Site accommodates approximately 20 businesses including a dry cleaner, a laundry mat, a bike shop, a brewery, a hair salon, and a health club. A five gallon spill of tetrachloroethylene (PCE) occurred at the Site in 2001. As a result 52 cubic yards of PCE-contaminated soil was removed. DTSC was not the overseeing agency for this cleanup.

Previous investigations of soil and air have found elevated concentrations of PCE which is a common dry cleaning solvent. DTSC has determined that further investigation is necessary to develop an appropriate plan for the Site. Once the investigation is completed, DTSC will review a cleanup proposal and will send a fact sheet to you that will provide a summary of the proposed cleanup activities. At that time the public will have an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed cleanup.

Your response to the enclosed survey will help DTSC assess community interest and conduct future outreach activities. Please complete and return the enclosed survey by **July XX, 2010**.

Thank you in advance for filling out and returning the enclosed community survey. For further information about this Community Survey or public involvement, please contact me toll free at 1(866) 495-5651 or at (916) 255-6681 or by email at [RMajhail@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:RMajhail@dtsc.ca.gov). For additional information about environmental activities at the Site, please contact Mathew 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 XXXX, DTSC Public Information Officer, at XXX by e-mail at [XXX@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:XXX@dtsc.ca.gov)

Sincerely,

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**Community Survey for the Site located in Fair-Anselm Center, Fairfax, CA**

Please return this community survey by **July XX, 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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