

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Department of Toxic Substances Control
Site Mitigation and Restoration Program
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Subject: FILING OF NOTICE OF DETERMINATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 21108 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

Project Title: Remedial Design for the Cascades Former Waste Disposal Area

State Clearinghouse Number: 2022050242

Project Location: Yosemite National Park

County: Mariposa

Project Applicant: Yosemite National Park

Project Description: The project activities involve the removal of contaminated soils and debris that pose a threat to human health and the environment. The removal action provides protection of human health and the environment through excavation and disposal of contaminated soil exceeding recommended removal goals (RGs) for metals and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), pentachlorophenol (PCP), and dioxin/furans. The excavation addresses the Remedial Action Objectives (RAOs) by removing and disposing of contaminated soils at existing licensed disposal facilities outside the boundaries of the Site. It is the objective of this removal action to be the only and last action taken at the Site to address contaminated media at the Site. This project also includes the abandonment/sealing of three unused monitoring wells at the Site, in a manner according to applicable state and local regulations.

An estimated total of approximately 1,890 cubic yards of soil will be excavated and removed from the Site. The excavated soil will be stockpiled in a lined area at the staging area or loaded directly into lined roll-off bins prior to hauling off-site. The stockpile/bins will be kept covered while onsite to control fugitive dust. Soil will be loaded into bins and trucks with a backhoe or front-end loader or similar equipment, employing dust control and dust monitoring, erosion control, and stormwater pollution prevention measures. Excavated areas will be backfilled with clean soil to match prior surface conditions.

Although no construction is planned at the Site, Institutional Controls (ICs) will include implementation of a soil management plan should future construction be planned in order to protect future construction workers with protocols and safety precautions for any intrusive activities involving possibly impacted soil.

Work should be planned to occur at dry times of the year to minimize the potential for soil run-off and erosion. No work will occur during flood conditions. NPS vegetation workers will conduct seeding and planting in the regraded areas and will mulch and duff the site to restore the site. NPS will conduct post-construction vegetation monitoring. While there are roads that lead directly to the Site, traffic in the YNP can be congested especially during dry season, when the implementation is expected to commence. Therefore, in order to satisfy the enjoyment of park resources RAO, the implementation of this remedy must occur during weeks when tourist traffic is relatively low.

As Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC approved the above-described project on September 16, 2022, and has made the following determinations:

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of project approval.
4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.
5. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA by DTSC.

This is to certify that the final environmental document and the record of project approval are available to the public at the following locations:

DTSC File Room
1515 Tollhouse Road
Clovis, California 93611
(559) 297-3901; call for appointment

DTSC website:

www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=80001261

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