

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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Site Mitigation and Restoration Program
9211 Oakdale Avenue
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Project Title: Removal Action Workplan: Catalina Two Harbors Water System

Project Location: Two Harbors Water Supply Pipeline, Catalina, CA

County: Los Angeles

Project Applicant: Southern California Edison

Approval Action Under Consideration by DTSC: Removal Action Workplan

Statutory Authority: California Health and Safety Code, Chapter 6.8

Project Description: The project consists of implementing a Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for performing soil removal at approximately 39 locations where Aboveground Decommissioned Pipe (AGDP) segments of varying length were removed from the land surface adjacent to the existing nine-mile Two Harbors Water Supply Pipeline (Site). The RAW identifies excavation and offsite disposal of soils contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs).

Background: The Site consists of the Two Harbors Water Supply pipeline where in 2014, during the Million Gallon water tank refurbishment project, SCE assessed the presence of PCBs in the pipeline. From 2014 to 2019 SCE completed preliminary assessments along the Two Harbors Water Supply pipeline to assess its infrastructure. In 2020 as part of additional assessments and field investigations, SCE removed discrete AGDP segments from the surface along the Two Harbors Water Supply pipeline. Upon additional evaluation, SCE discovered the AGDP segments and adjacent soils contain PCBs and PAHs. Accordingly, SCE filed a voluntary self-disclosure with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency informing the agency of SCE's findings and remediation plans. SCE also reached out to the DTSC and entered into a Standard Voluntary Agreement to ensure that planned remediation of the AGDP segments and any associated impacted soils would meet applicable regulations.

Project Activities: The remediation activities at the Site will consist of excavation and offsite disposal of contaminated soil. Soil excavation will occur at approximately 39 locations along the Two Harbors Water Supply Pipeline. The total estimated excavation volume is approximately 706 cubic feet. Based on the proposed remediation process, it is anticipated that 5-gallon buckets for soil handling, hand tools, and two 18-yard roll-off bins for soil collection and storage will be the only equipment used for the remediation activities. The soil removal locations are anticipated to be small in nature and will not require any specifically defined construction entrance.

Confirmation soil samples will be taken after initial removal actions are completed. If contamination concentrations detected in the samples are below the residential risk-based screening levels (RBSLs), no further excavation will occur. Confirmation soil samples will be collected inside the boundaries of each excavation area to evaluate whether remaining PCB and PAH concentrations in soil are below the residential RBSLs.

Excavated material will be handled and stored as identified in the project-specific Soil Management Plan. Soil collected from each of the soil removal locations will be transported to 18 yard roll off bins housed at a temporary staging area located in the Middle Ranch well field yard. The staging area will also be used to stage imported clean sand that will be used for Site restoration and any other equipment needed for soil removal and restoration activities. Due to the low volume of soil, one barge is anticipated to be required to haul the excavated material from Catalina to an appropriate disposal site.

Once excavation activities have been completed and laboratory analytical results of the confirmation soil samples indicate contamination concentrations are below residential RBSLs, the excavation areas will be backfilled to match the surrounding topography using imported clean fill material. The total volume of backfill is expected to be approximately 706 cubic feet.

All permits necessary to conduct the remediation activities identified in the RAW will be obtained prior to mobilization efforts, including those required by the County of Los Angeles and the South Coast Air Quality

Management District (SCAQMD). Additionally, the RAW includes measures to ensure compliance with applicable SCAQMD rules, including implementing preventive measures during times when exposed soil is susceptible to wind erosion. In areas where bare soil is exposed and conditions are suitably dry, water or other dust palliatives will be applied to the soil to limit wind erosion as required by SCAQMD Rule 403.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Toxic Substances Control

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Southern California Edison

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption: Class 30 - Minor Actions to Prevent, Minimize, Stabilize, Mitigate or Eliminate the Release or Threat of Release of Hazardous Waste or Hazardous Substances [CCR Title 14, Sec. 15330]

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

1. The project is a minor action designed to prevent, minimize, stabilize, mitigate or eliminate the release or threat of release of hazardous waste or hazardous substances.
2. The project is a removal action that will not exceed \$1 million in cost.
3. The project does not involve the on-site use of a hazardous waste incinerator or thermal treatment unit or the relocation of residences or businesses and does not involve the potential release into the air of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 25123.
4. The project will be consistent with applicable state and local environmental permitting requirements. The project will implement actions to comply with SCAQMD Rule 403.
5. The exceptions pursuant to Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15300.2 have been addressed as follows:
 - Cumulative Impact. The project will not result in cumulative impacts because it is designed to be a short-term, final remedy that would not lead to a succession of projects of the same type in the same place over time.
 - Significant Effect. The environmental safeguards and monitoring procedures that are enforceable and made a condition of project approval will prevent unusual circumstances from occurring so that there is no possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment.
 - Scenic Highways. The project will not damage scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, because it is not located within view of a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway.
 - Hazardous Waste Sites. The project is not located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.
 - Historical Resources. The project is not expected to cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource because none are anticipated.

The administrative record for this project is available to the public by appointment at the following location:

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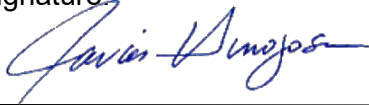
Additional project information is available on EnviroStor:
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