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Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT**

**PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE FORMER MOUREN-LAURENS COMPANY, INC. AND LEACH OIL COMPANY, INC. SITES AT 641, 705, 717 and 719 EAST COMPTON BOULEVARD; 625 EAST COMPTON BOULEVARD; AND 15006 SOUTH AVALON BOULEVARD, COMPTON, CALIFORNIA 90220 (SITE CLEANUP PROGRAM NO. [[0023]], SITE ID NO. [[2040155]])**

**ON  
February 24, 2025**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles (Los Angeles Water Board or LAWB) has prepared a proposed Negative Declaration (ND) and associated Initial Study pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the approval and implementation of the proposed Project, the *Remedial Action Plan* (RAP) submitted to the Los Angeles Water Board in July 2021, to address contamination at the Former Mouren-Laurens Oil Company, Inc. and Leach Oil Company, Inc. Sites, as modified by the Los Angeles Water Board's April 11, 2022 letter providing comments and modifications to the RAP (LAWB Comments). The RAP, as modified by the LAWB Comments (together, 2021 RAP), is a series of cleanup and remedial actions over time that will result in protecting human health, groundwater resources, and the environment. The Los Angeles Water Board intends to adopt an ND for the proposed Project.

**PROJECT LOCATION:**

The Project site is comprised of four parcels at 641, 705, 717, and 719 East Compton Boulevard totaling 3.76 acres, referred to as the former Mouren-Laurens Oil Company site (MLOC Site) and three parcels at 625 East Compton Boulevard and 15006 South Avalon Boulevard totaling 1.24 acres, known as the Leach Oil Company Inc. site (LOC Site; collectively Sites). The Sites are situated next to each other in an unincorporated portion of Los Angeles County near the City of Compton, California. Oil refining, household chemical packaging, and hazardous waste storage have occurred at the Sites since the 1940s.

The Sites are located in an urbanized light industrial area with industrial uses to the north; multi-family residential uses to the northeast; St. Albert the Great Middle School, Roy Campanella Park, and S. Stanford Avenue to the east; St. Albert the Great School and Catholic Church, single family residential uses, and E. Compton Boulevard to the south;

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and industrial uses and Avalon Boulevard to the west. Within a regional context, the Sites are located approximately 2 miles east of Interstate (I) 110, and approximately 3 miles north of California State Route (SR)-91.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The proposed Project involves implementation of the 2021 RAP through a series of actions to address contamination at the Sites, which includes petroleum hydrocarbons, chlorinated solvents, and other chemicals of concern that have been released to soil and groundwater beneath each Site.

In September 2014, the Los Angeles Water Board issued Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) No. R4-2014-0117 to the operators and property owners of the MLOC Site, and CAO No. R4-2014-0118 to the operators and property owners of the LOC Site. The CAOs require the owners and operators of the Sites to investigate, clean up, and abate the effects of waste discharged or deposited at or from the Sites.

Because of the at times related operations at the Sites, the proximity of the Sites to each other, and the commingling of contamination at and from the two Sites, the Los Angeles Water Board has encouraged joint remediation of the Sites. The 2021 RAP contains such a proposal.

The cleanup at both Sites will be conducted under the authority of the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, pursuant to the requirements stated in the CAOs. Additionally, the LOC Site was a treatment, storage, and disposal facility for hazardous wastes. Therefore, the remedial actions at the LOC Site will be consistent with requirements for Corrective Action pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 25187.

It is expected that it will take approximately 14 years to complete the Project. The Project will address the contamination at the Sites through a series of actions, including:

1. Baseline risk assessment;
2. Demolition and removal of former industrial operation-related structures at the LOC Site;
3. Data gap investigation and excavation of impacted soil;
4. Performing pilot test studies;
5. Construction of remediation system for soil and groundwater cleanup at the sites;
6. Operation and monitoring of the remediation system performance;
7. Execution of environmental covenants and deed restrictions;
8. Performing monitored natural attenuation groundwater sampling; and
9. Seeking case closures from the Los Angeles Water Board for the Sites.

## **DETERMINATION:**

The Initial Study describes and evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with the implementation of the Project. The Initial Study identifies potentially affected environmental factors for *Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated*, *Less Than Significant Impact*, or *No Impact*. As no potentially significant impacts are identified as a part of the Initial Study, no mitigation measures are required. Therefore, an ND is prepared.

## **DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:**

The proposed ND, draft Initial Study, and other supporting documents (including the Removal Action Work Plan, Cultural Resource Record Search, and Air Quality/Greenhouse Gas/Energy/Noise Calculations) are available for review at the following locations:

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board  
320 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200  
Los Angeles, CA 90013  
Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Compton Library  
240 W Compton Blvd,  
Compton, CA 90220  
310.637.0202

Hours:       **Monday** Closed  
              **Tuesday** 12 pm - 8 pm  
              **Wednesday** 12 pm - 8 pm  
              **Thursday** 10 am - 6 pm  
              **Friday** 10 am - 6 pm  
              **Saturday** 10 am - 6 pm  
              **Sunday** Closed

Electronic copies of the documents and all Project-related documents and reports, including technical reports on environmental investigations for both Sites, are available for public review on GeoTracker, the State Water Resources Control Board Geotracker database:

[https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile\\_report.asp?global\\_id=SL2047C1671](https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=SL2047C1671)

## **PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD:**

The proposed ND and draft Initial Study are available for a 30-day public review and comment period, **from February 24, 2025, to March 25, 2025**. Comments on the adequacy of these documents will be accepted during this period. All interested agencies and persons are invited to submit written comments on these documents. Written comments must be received by the Los Angeles Water Board no later than **5:00 pm on March 25, 2025**.

Written comments may be submitted by email to: [Adnan.Siddiqui@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Adnan.Siddiqui@waterboards.ca.gov)

Written comments may be mailed or hand-delivered to:

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