

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
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From: Department of Toxic Substances Control
Site Mitigation and Restoration Program
9211 Oakdale Avenue
Chatsworth, CA 91311

Project Title: BCI Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Los Angeles, Interim Remedial Action Plan

Project Location: 1334 South Central Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90021

County: Los Angeles

Project Applicant: Coca-Cola Company
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Approval Action Under Consideration by DTSC: Interim Removal Action Plan

Statutory Authority: California Health and Safety Code, Division 45 Part 2

Project Description: The project consists of implementing an Interim Removal Action Plan (IRAP) that describes interim remedial actions at the Coca-Cola beverage bottling, warehouse, and distribution operations facility located at 1334 South Central Avenue in the City of Los Angeles (Site). Project activities consist of installing and operating a soil vapor extraction (SVE) system to address soil vapor impacts.

Background: A portion of the 9.47-acre Site was occupied by the Coca-Cola Company as early as 1923 and began bottling operations in 1931. Other portions of the Site were used for radiator repair, and manufacturing of lamp and shades, furniture, rubber and plastic product, food warehousing and distribution, prior to the early 1970s. As of 2018, the facility continues to operate for beverage bottling, warehousing, and distributing.

Based on environmental investigations and past use of the Site, the following chemicals have been identified as chemicals of primary concern (COPCs) in soil vapor for the Site:

- Tetrachloroethene (PCE) and
- Trichloroethene (TCE).

On March 11, 2021, Coca Cola Los Angeles entered into a Standard Voluntary Agreement (Docket No. HSA-FY20/21-99) with the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) for the remedial actions at the Site.

Previous Investigations: DTSC approved a Preliminary Endangerment Assessment in 2021 and a Supplemental Site Investigation in 2022, confirming significant vapor-phase contamination in soil vapor. Investigations revealed high levels of chlorinated VOCs — PCE, TCE and their breakdown products in soil vapor near the former sales building. A Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE) pilot study was conducted between February and March 2024 to assess the system's effectiveness in removing VOCs. Findings from the August 2024 Remedial Pilot Study Report are guiding the design and implementation of an Interim Removal Action Plan (IRAP) for the cleanup plan.

Project Activities: The interim remedial action will involve construction and operation of an SVE system. The primary chemicals in soil vapor that will be targeted by SVE remediation will include volatile organic compounds, including PCE. The SVE system will be connected to three new wells to remediate soil vapor to a total depth of 180 feet bgs. This SVE system is anticipated to operate for between one and three years. Data received from operating the three new wells will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the SVE system and determine what additional areas on the Site may require remedial action. In addition, the data will be used to identify any additional extraction wells that may be required during full scale remediation which would occur after completion of the interim remedial actions. It is anticipated that the full-scale SVE remedial design would be described and reviewed in a future Removal Action Plan (RAP).

Extracted vapors from the SVE wells will be vented to two 2,000-pound granular activated carbon (GAC) vessels (carbon absorbers) connected in a series to treat the extracted vapors. As required by a permit from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), soil vapor samples will be collected at the inlet and outlet of each GAC vessel and analyzed.

The applicant anticipates renting and operating the SVE system with a various locations permit air permit for the first year and then transition to a site-specific permitted SVE system as remediation continues. Prior to drilling the three new wells, any applicable well installation permits from the Los Angeles County Department of Environmental Health Bureau of

Environmental Protection Water Quality Program will be obtained. A site-specific health and safety plan (HASP) will also be implemented to ensure all field personnel conduct the safety procedures presented in the HASP.

Although not anticipated, in the event biological, cultural or historical resources are discovered in the course of project activities, work will be suspended while a qualified biologist, cultural or historical specialist makes an assessment of the area and arrangements are made to protect or preserve any resources that are discovered. If human remains are discovered, no further disturbance will occur in the location where the remains are found, and the County Coroner will be notified pursuant to the Health and Safety Code, Chapter 2, Section 7050.5.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Coca-Cola Company

Exempt Status: Common Sense Exemption [CCR, Sec. 15061(b)(3)]

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: Based on the information provided above, DTSC has determined with certainty that there is no possibility that the activities in question may have a significant effect on the environment because the project would not result in "a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in any of the physical conditions within the area affected by the project, including land, air, water, minerals, flora, fauna, ambient noise, and objects of historic or aesthetic significance."

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:

https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=60003104

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