

Waste Removal on Fruitland Nears Completion

Removal of hazardous and solid wastes 90% complete

November 30, 2016



Views from south-center of site before removal on (11/7/2016) and as of today (11/30/2016)

Removal Actions

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Cal Recycle have completed removal of approximately 580 tons of hazardous waste and 500 tons of solid waste from the Fruitland Site.

Next Steps

Additional removal and disposal activities will continue. Other site work includes pressure washing the concrete/asphalt ground surfaces and working with the owner to have the unburned business inventory removed.

Safety Measures for the Community Continue

It is a top priority for EPA to prevent waste dust from leaving the site perimeter. The following controls will continue to be in place:

Storm Water Pollution Prevention -

Straw wattle erosion controls were installed around the perimeter of the site to prevent rain from spreading ash or soil off the site.

Debris Curtain – Installed to protect against dust or debris along the southern boundary between the facility and adjacent residential properties.

Dust Suppression – A soil sealant, similar to a glue, has been applied to debris and soils at the site to control dust generation. When these materials are being sorted or loaded into trucks they will be sprayed with water to control dust generation.

Air Monitoring – Instruments that measure total dust in the air and collect samples for potentially hazardous metals in dust are stationed at five locations both upwind & downwind of the site. Additionally, air monitoring for Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) in air will be done at the site; no VOCs in air have been observed to date.

Site Contaminants

EPA has identified metals such as arsenic, cadmium, chromium, lead, mercury and poly chlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) as the contaminants of concern at the site.

Site History

On June 14, 2016, a fire started in Maywood, Calif. The fire burned Panda International Trading, located at 3570 Fruitland Avenue. Fruitland Avenue is a commercial/light manufacturing district. A residential neighborhood directly borders the south end of the site. The facility includes businesses, Panda International Trading (PIT) and Sokor Metals. PIT is a scrap metal yard that sends scrap metal for reuse, and Sokor Metals is also a metals recycling operation.

Questions?

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Additional information can be found at: www.epa.gov/ca/response-fruitland-avenue-magnesium-fire
