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Fact Sheet, February 2009

Plan Available for Review for Regulatory Closure of Three Retention Basins at the Ormond Beach Generating Station



The Ormond Beach Generating Station, (former Edison facility)
located at 6635 Edison Drive, in Oxnard, California.

The draft Plan, called the Closure Plan, submitted by Southern California Edison (Edison), to conduct regulatory closure of three former hazardous waste storage retention basins and associated pipelines is available for review and public comment. This draft plan includes investigation, assessment and cleanup of any contamination related to past operation of the retention basins, and ensures that the environmental systems currently in place continue to be effective in protecting human health and the environment.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

February 27, 2009 to March 30, 2009

The draft Plan and Notice of Exemption for this facility is available for review and public comments at the Oxnard Main Library, Help Desk, 2nd Floor, 251 South A Street, Oxnard, CA 93030. Please submit your comments in the enclosed postage paid return envelope postmarked by **March 30, 2009** or email before the deadline date to: **Ms. Christine Bucklin, DTSC Project Manager**
9211 Oakdale Avenue
Chatsworth, CA 91311
(818) 717-6599 or E-mail: cbucklin@dtsc.ca.gov

A public meeting is not scheduled for this project, however, if you feel one is warranted, you can request a meeting by contacting Ms. Maya Akula, Public Participation Specialist, toll free at 1(866) 495-5651, press 3 then 1 or (818) 717-6566 or by email to : makula@dtsc.ca.gov. In your request, please indicate the reason(s) for the request and DTSC will evaluate if a meeting or hearing is warranted.

Para información en español por favor contacte a Ricardo Gonzalez al (818) 717-6603



Description and History of the Retention Basins

The Ormond Beach Generating Station is about 37 acres in size, and is located along the Pacific Ocean coastline between Port Hueneme and the Point Mugu Naval Air Station. The retention basins are open, above grade level and located at the north end of the site. They are designated as the: 1) South Retention Basin, 2) North Retention Basin and 3) Boiler Chemical Cleaning Basin. The retention basins will not be removed as part of the closure because they must remain in use, to support on-going operation of the generating station.

Edison built, owned and operated the generating station from 1971 until it was sold in 1998 to Reliant Energy Ormond Beach, LLC. The retention basins have historically been used to store wastewater that may contain oil, grease, and suspended solids from day-to-day plant operation. In the past, metals and acidic solutions from annual boiler cleaning were temporarily stored in the basins while being neutralized and treated to remove the metals (which were then transported offsite for disposal). The wastewater from day-to-day operations was, and is currently discharged to the ocean under the provisions of a National Pollutants Discharge Elimination System permit issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

The temporary storage of acidic solutions containing metals was discontinued in the early 1990s. According to Edison, these liquids were never discharged to the ocean. Edison retains responsibility under the contract of sale for environmental liability associated with the facility's past operation of the retention basins.

Investigation of the basins and associated pipelines

In 1996, under DTSC oversight, Edison began investigation of soil and groundwater beneath the basins and their associated pipelines. Our agency provided oversight for three soil investigations and on-going groundwater quality monitoring conducted at the site between 1996

and 2008.

A soil vapor survey and soil sampling program were utilized to assess the basin and pipeline areas. The soil gas survey detected very low levels of volatile organic compounds at two locations along the pipelines. The site investigations and on-going monitoring indicated the presence of a solvent stabilizer in groundwater to the east of the North Retention Basin.

This solvent stabilizer plume extends approximately 250 feet east of the North Basin. As part of the proposed Closure Plan, Edison plans to treat the groundwater to acceptable levels by pumping it from the ground and removing the solvent stabilizer with carbon adsorption technology. This pump-and-treat groundwater cleanup is anticipated to begin within approximately six months of Closure Plan approval.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Review

DTSC conducted a study to find out whether the closure of the retention basins would harm the environment as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Based on this study, DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project. The NOE states that the closure of the retention basins and associated pipelines will not have a significant negative impact on human health and the environment.

Public Involvement

DTSC encourages interested community members to review the documents and submit comments during the public comment period which runs from February 27 to March 30, 2009.

The draft documents are available at locations listed on page 3. The Administrative Record for this facility, including the facility's environmental compliance record is available at the DTSC Regional Office in Chatsworth. Written comments on the proposed Closure Plan must be post-marked or e-mailed no later than

March 30, 2009 and sent to Ms. Christine Bucklin, Project Manager, at 9211 Oakdale Avenue, Chatsworth CA 91311 or by e-mail to: cbucklin@dtsc.ca.gov

Next Steps

Before making a final decision, DTSC will consider all public comments and incorporate them into the draft Plan as appropriate.

Where to find Site documents

The Administrative record is available at the DTSC Chatsworth Office. Copies of the draft Closure Plan, draft Notice of Exemption, and other documents related to the site are available for your review at the following locations:

City of Oxnard Main Library

Help Desk, 2nd Floor

251 South A Street

Oxnard, CA 93030

Phone: (805) 385-7532

Library Hours:

Monday thru Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Closed Friday

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Department of Toxic Substances Control

9211 Oakdale Avenue

Chatsworth, California 91311

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please call Viven Tutaan at (818) 717-6521 for an appointment.

To view electronic versions of the draft Closure Plan, draft Notice of Exemption and other related documents, please visit DTSC's EnviroStor website: <http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>

Enter Oxnard as the City and select Ormond Beach Generating Station. Click on the link "Report" then "Community Involvement".

How to submit comments

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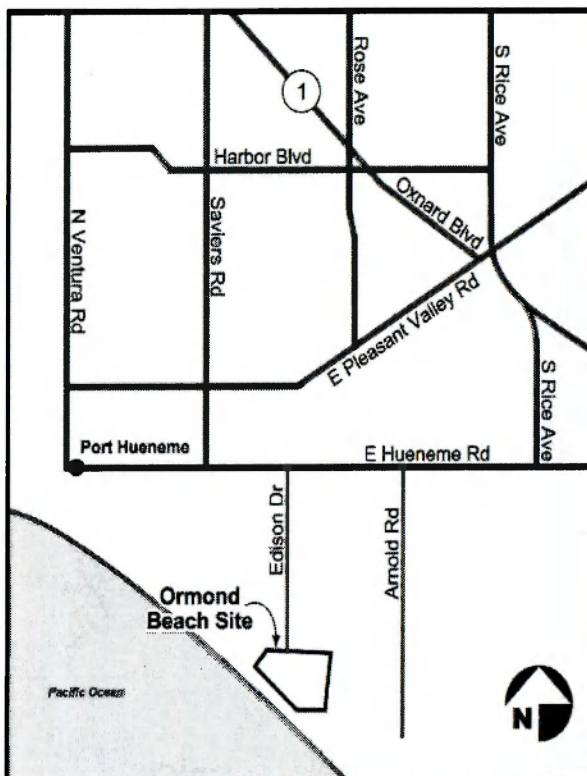
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Notice to Hearing-Impaired Individuals

You can obtain additional information about the site by using the California State Relay Service at (888) 877-5378 (TDD), or by calling Maya Akula, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (818) 717-6566.



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