

COMMUNITY UPDATE

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated resources, enforcing hazardous waste laws, reducing hazardous waste generation, and encouraging the manufacture of chemically safer products.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON CO SAN ONOFRE SCE enters the next phase of Decontamination and Dismantlement with the Department of Toxic Substances Control at San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station

The purpose of this notice is to inform you that Southern California Edison (SCE), San Diego Gas & Electric Company, the City of Anaheim, and the City of Riverside (combined as Applicant) plan to perform decontamination and dismantlement (D&D) of components of San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) (Site) Unit 2 and Unit 3. In August 2020, SCE and California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control entered into a Corrective Action Consent Agreement (Agreement) for non-radiological¹ soil and groundwater investigation and remediation under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) protocols. This is the start of the corrective action process to prepare for the ground disturbance phase of D&D. Potential Areas of Concern (PAOCs) and non-radiological Chemicals of Concern (COCs) are identified under the Agreement. COCs are non-radiological chemicals that have been handled, stored, and/or potentially released to the environment from SONGS. PAOCs are those areas where the COCs were handled or stored at SONGS and therefore warrant investigation.

One of the first activities is to perform a baseline air monitoring to establish the pre-construction air quality of the Site. The baseline air monitoring program will collect real-time and time-integrated samples related to respirable particulates and COCs, including selected metals, hexavalent chromium, silica, polychlorinated biphenyls, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, and asbestos. The baseline air monitoring is planned over a 4-week period, including weekends, that is tentatively scheduled to start the week of September 28, 2020. Data from the baseline program will be used in the development of the fence-line (perimeter) air monitoring program, that provides protocols for fugitive dust emissions during D&D. Subsequently, baseline soil and groundwater sampling will commence after the air monitoring. Thereafter, soil and groundwater investigation activities will commence at SONGS.

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¹ The Nuclear Regulatory Commission oversees the cleanup of radiological contamination.

