

4.6 HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

This section addresses the hazards to the public resulting from the use or disposal of hazardous materials in the area proposed to be added (“Added Area”) to the Existing Project Area by the Sacramento Army Depot Redevelopment Plan Third Amendment (“Amendment”), as well as anticipated effects of known or suspected hazardous substance contamination.

4.6.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Terminology

Under Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), a hazardous material is defined as a substance or combination of substances that may cause or significantly contribute to an increase in mortality or an increase in serious, irreversible, or incapacitating illness, or may pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or environment when improperly treated, stored, transported or disposed of, or otherwise managed (CCR, Title 22, Chapter 11, Article 2, Section 66261.10).

Hazardous wastes are hazardous substances that no longer have practical use, such as materials that have been discarded, discharged, spilled, or contaminated or are being stored until they can be properly disposed of. According to Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, hazardous materials and hazardous wastes are classified according to four properties: toxic, ignitable, corrosive, and reactive (CCR, Title 22, Chapter 11, Article 3).

- Toxic substances may cause short-term or long-lasting health effects, ranging from temporary effects to permanent disability or death. Toxic substances can cause eye or skin irritation, disorientation, headache, nausea, allergic reactions, acute poisoning, chronic illness, and other adverse health effects, depending on the level of exposure. Carcinogens (substances known to cause cancer) are a special class of toxic substances. Examples of toxic substances include most heavy metals, pesticides, and benzene (a carcinogenic component of gasoline).
- Ignitable substances, such as gasoline, hexane, and natural gas, are hazardous because of their flammable properties.
- Corrosive substances, such as sulfuric acid (battery acid) and lye, can damage other materials or cause severe burns upon contact.
- Reactive substances, such as explosives, pressurized canisters, and pure sodium metal (which reacts violently when exposed to water), may cause explosions or generate gases or fumes.

Soil that is excavated from a site containing hazardous materials is a hazardous waste if it exceeds specific CCR Title 22 criteria. Remediation (cleanup) of hazardous wastes found at a project site is generally required if those materials are excavated. Cleanup requirements are determined on a case-by-case basis by the agency with lead jurisdiction over the project.

Existing Conditions

The Added Area is a moderately developed area with numerous commercial and industrial uses. Several sites in or adjacent to the Added Area have been identified by Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Information System (CERCLIS), the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) or the State Water Resources Control Board as having hazardous substance releases or leaking underground fuel tanks (LUFTs). These sites are identified in Table 4.6-1 Confirmed Contamination Sites. In addition, many sites were identified by State and/or Federal databases as hazardous waste generators, underground storage tank (UST) permit holders, or as responsible parties who had successfully completed cleanup. These sites are identified in Table 4.6-1 as Potential Contamination Sites. Finally, several other potential sites were identified during an area reconnaissance. These sites are identified in Table 4.6-1 as Potential Contamination Sites Identified During Drive-By.

The Added Area contains a range of uses, including retail sales, office, warehouse, restaurants, open storage yards, industrial uses, automotive repair, landscaped areas and vacant areas. Light industrial uses such as glass fabrication, machine shops, compressed gas manufacture and clothing manufacture are also present. Sources of contamination within the Added Area include both commercial and industrial uses. In addition, existing structures for all types of land uses may contain asbestos, lead-based paint and polychlorinated biphenyl oils (PCBs).

Hazardous materials stored at the on-site businesses or used in current on-site activities and operations include fuel in underground storage tanks, oil, waste oil, solvents, paints and thinners, pesticides, propane, welding gases, adhesives, printing materials, swimming pool chemicals, office materials and business and household maintenance materials. In addition, the Added Area contains numerous transformers (both pole-mounted and pad-mounted) that are not anticipated to, but could contain PCBs. Ceiling and floor tile likely to contain asbestos has been observed in several buildings. Areas of older drywall can also be considered likely to contain asbestos in joint and surfacing plasters, but are only considered a hazard when they become friable.

Groundwater in the Added Area is encountered at depths of between 35 to 40 feet below the existing ground surface. The flow of groundwater in the Added Area is toward the south and southwest.

**Table 4.6-1
Identified Contamination Sites in the Added Area**

| Property Description | Property Address | Type of Contamination and Required Action (if known) | Level of Concern |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Confirmed Contamination Sites* | | | |
| Unknown | 8600 Elder Creek Rd | Oil and raw waste released | Moderate to High |
| Unknown | 8360 Elder Creek | 50 gallons of diesel, 2 gallons of glycol ether & biphenol | Moderate |
| Unknown | 6401 Florin Perkins Rd | 200 gallons of gasoline released, cleaned up by contractor | Moderate to High |
| Unknown | 8825 Elder Creek Rd | Unknown quantity of waste oil released | Moderate |

| Property Description | Property Address | Type of Contamination and Required Action (if known) | Level of Concern |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Unknown | 4949 Florin Perkins Rd | 55 gallons of antifreeze illegally dumped into Morrison Creek | Low to Moderate |
| ARA Services | 6211 Power Inn Rd | Gasoline release reported, soil was excavated and treated | Moderate |
| ARCO #5424 | 8024 Elder Creek Rd | Gasoline release reported, leak being confirmed | Moderate to High |
| B.C. Stocking Distributors | 6401 Florin Perkins Rd | Diesel release reported, soil was excavated and treated | Moderate to High |
| Bartick Property | 7011 Power Inn Rd | Gasoline release reported, soil only impacted | Moderate to High |
| California Cascade Inc. | 7701 17 th Ave | Gasoline release reported, soil only impacted, Registered Underground Storage Tank | Moderate to High |
| Ellis Roofing Company | 8201 Elder Creek Rd | Gasoline release reported, soil only impacted, Registered Underground Storage Tank | Moderate to High |
| Fast Stop Food #6 | 5601 Wilkinson St | Gasoline release reported, soil only impacted, Registered, Underground Storage Tank | Moderate to High |
| Fleming Co. | 8301 Fruitridge Rd | Diesel release reported, soil only was excavated and treated | Moderate to High |
| Unknown (Former service station) | 6300 Power Inn Rd | Gasoline release reported, soil only impacted | Moderate to High |
| Gelco Insituform | 8565 Elder Creek Rd | Gasoline release reported, soil impacted | Moderate to High |
| Hokanson Building Block Co. | 4751 Power Inn Rd | Gasoline release reported, aquifer affected, Registered Under Ground Storage Tank | Moderate to High |
| Kalwani Property | 460 Power Inn Rd | Hydraulic oil release, soil only impacted | Moderate to High |
| M&B | 8137 Elder Creek Rd | Gasoline release reported, soil only impacted | Moderate to High |
| M&P Repair | 5743 Power Inn Rd | Gasoline release reported, soil only impacted | Moderate to High |
| Palm Iron /Bridge Works | 8845 Elder Creek Rd | Gasoline release reported, soil only impacted, Registered Underground Storage Tank | Moderate to High |
| Rainbow Thrift & Depot | 5761 Power Inn Rd | Gasoline release reported, soil only impacted | Moderate to High |
| Regent Mini Mart | 7900 Fruitridge Rd | Gasoline release reported, aquifer affected, Registered Underground Storage Tank | Moderate to High |

| Property Description | Property Address | Type of Contamination and Required Action (if known) | Level of Concern |
|---|----------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Sacramento Crane Co. | 7037 Power Inn Rd | Gasoline release | Moderate to High |
| Sozzi Trust | 8542 Elder Creek Rd | Waste oil release reported, soil only impacted | Moderate to High |
| Tune Up Master/Dairy Queen | 7070 Fruitridge Rd | Hydrocarbon release, soil only impacted | Moderate to High |
| Pine Mountain Corp. | 6001 Power Inn | Cerclis-No further remedial action planned, State Site | Moderate to High |
| Curley SC and L Cleaners | 7206 Fruitridge Rd | Dry cleaning solvents | Moderate to High |
| Unknown | Belleview Ave and Lemon Hill Ave | 55 gallons of Diethylamino ethane and Sodium Hyd. released | Moderate to High |
| Unknown | 2324 76 th St | Unknown quantity of drug lab residue released | Moderate to High |
| Potential Contamination Sites* | | | |
| Elder Creek Oil and Tire Change | 8780 Elder Creek Rd | Solid Waste Landfill | Moderate |
| Elder Creek Recovery and Transfer Station | 8642 Elder Creek Rd | Solid Waste Landfill | Moderate |
| L and D Waste Composting | 8642 Elder Creek Rd | Solid Waste Landfill-green waste | Low to Moderate |
| Sierra Tire Inc. | 7220 Fruitridge Rd | Solid Waste Landfill-tires | Moderate |
| Silva's Tire | 4401 69 th St | Solid Waste Landfill-tires | Low to Moderate |
| Bob's Collision Repair Facility | 4225 Power Inn Rd | Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) small quantity generator | Low to Moderate |
| Buzz Oates Enterprises | 8615 Elder Creek Rd | RCRA small quantity generator | Moderate |
| Dopaco Inc. | 6331 Power Inn Rd | RCRA small quantity generator | Moderate |
| Emmick Enterprises | 5877 Power Inn Rd | RCRA small quantity generator | Moderate |
| Former Goss Jewett Corporation Facility | 4301 Power Inn Rd | RCRA large quantity generator | High |
| International Truck Service | 4273 Power Inn Rd | RCRA small quantity generator | Moderate |
| Jackson Construction | 5665 Power Inn Rd | RCRA large quantity generator | High |
| Jiffy Lube International #383 | 4095 Power Inn Rd | RCRA small quantity generator, Registered Underground Storage Tank | Moderate |
| M&P Truck and Auto Repair | 5743 Power Inn Rd | RCRA small quantity generator | Moderate |
| Montgomery Marble Co. | 6097 Power Inn Rd | RCRA small quantity generator | Moderate |

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| Pacific Corrugated Pipe Co. | 5999 Power Inn Rd | RCRA small quantity generator, Registered Underground Storage Tank | Moderate |
| Quadra Color | 7917 Fruitridge Rd | RCRA small quantity generator | Moderate |
| Radiator Specialties #6 | 6161 Power Inn Rd | RCRA small quantity generator | Moderate |
| Safewaste Corp | 8360 Elder Creek Rd | RCRA small quantity generator | Moderate |
| Shanahan's Auto Body | 6211 Power Inn Rd | RCRA small quantity generator | Moderate |
| Tony's Auto Body and Truck | 8580 Elder Creek Rd | RCRA small quantity generator | Moderate |
| Tri State Tank West | 8135 Elder Creek Rd | RCRA small quantity generator | Moderate |
| Valley Nail Supply Co. | 5400 Power Inn Rd | RCRA small quantity generator | Moderate |
| Shell Oil Co. | 8062 Florin Rd | RCRA small quantity generator | Moderate |
| Granite Construction Co | 3801 Power Inn Rd | RCRA small quantity generator | Moderate |
| Paul Gao DbA Cear | 8200 Berry Ave Suite 140 | RCRA large quantity generator | High |
| Roadway Package System Inc | 8205 Berry Ave | RCRA small quantity generator | Moderate |
| Shanahan's Auto Body | 5715 Power Inn Rd Unit A | RCRA-No longer regulated | Moderate |
| Fire Master Kilns | 8130 Junipero St | RCRA-No longer regulated | Moderate |
| Collision Repair Facility | 4225 Power Inn Rd | RCRA-No longer regulated | Moderate |
| Arco #5424/5182 | 8024 Elder Creek Rd | Registered Underground Storage Tank | Low to Moderate |
| Clementina Ltd. | 4635 Power Inn Rd | Registered Underground Storage Tank | Low to Moderate |
| Fire Department Engine #10 | 5642 66 th St | Registered Underground Storage Tank | Low to Moderate |
| Hardwoods | 6935 Power Inn Rd | Registered Underground Storage Tank | Low to Moderate |
| Jackson and Eckstrom | 4141 Power Inn Rd | Registered Underground Storage Tank | Low to Moderate |
| Larry Odbert/ Warren N. Hunt | 6347 Florin Perkins Rd | Registered Underground Storage Tank | Low to Moderate |
| Manley & Sons Trucking Inc | 8896 Elder Creek Rd | Registered Underground Storage Tank | Low to Moderate |
| Olympian Oil Card Lock Facility | 3950 Power Inn Rd | Registered Underground Storage Tank | Low to Moderate |
| Redi-gro Corporation | 8909 Elder Creek Rd | Registered Underground Storage Tank | Low to Moderate |
| Sacramento Valley Crane Service | 7037 Power Inn Rd | Registered Underground Storage Tank | Low to Moderate |

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| Sozzi Trust | 8536 Elder Creek Rd | Registered Underground Storage Tank | Low to Moderate |
| Thunder Bird Moulding | 6001 Power Inn Rd | Registered Underground Storage Tank | Low to Moderate |
| Vacounti American Sanitation | 7011 Power Inn Rd | Registered Underground Storage Tank | Low to Moderate |
| Walker Precast Concrete Production | 7899 Fruitridge Rd | Registered Underground Storage Tank | Low to Moderate |
| Western Material Supply | 8866 Elder Creek Rd | Registered Underground Storage Tank | Low to Moderate |
| Frontier Fence Company | 6837 Power Inn Rd | Registered Underground Storage Tank | Low to Moderate |
| Sacramento Ford Tractor Inc. | 3850 Power Inn Rd | Registered Underground Storage Tank | Low to Moderate |
| Sacramento Valley Box Co. | 8169 Junipero St | Registered Underground Storage Tank | Low to Moderate |
| Clark-Cadman Inc. | 8110 Junipero St | Registered Underground Storage Tank | Low to Moderate |
| Roadway Express Systems | 8205 Berry Ave | Registered Underground Storage Tank | Low to Moderate |
| Arco #5424/5182 | 8024 Elder Creek Rd | Registered Underground Storage Tank | Low to Moderate |
| BC Stacking Distributing | 6401 Florin Perkins Rd | Registered Underground Storage Tank | Low to Moderate |
| Capitol Iron Works Inc. | 7009 Power Inn Rd | Registered Underground Storage Tank | Low to Moderate |
| Potential Sites Identified During Drive-By | | | |
| Redi Gro | 8909 Elder Creek Rd | Potential for fertilizer chemicals and related substances | Moderate to High |
| Dewey Pest Control | 5310 Power Inn Rd | Potential for pest control chemicals and related substances | Moderate to High |
| Montana Express | 8900 Elder Creek Rd | Potential for petroleum based products and related substances | Moderate to High |
| Lorenzo Tires | 8100 block Elder Creek | Potential for petroleum based products and related substances | Moderate to High |
| Car Fix Master | 8100 block Elder Creek | Potential for petroleum based products and related substances | Moderate to High |
| Berkfield Racing Restoration | 8100 block Elder Creek | Potential for petroleum based products and related substances | Moderate to High |
| Rally Muffler | 8100 block Elder Creek Rd | Potential for petroleum based products and related substances | Moderate to High |

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| Sacramento Street Gear | 6441 Power Inn Rd | Potential for petroleum based products and related substances | Moderate to High |
| Trans Tech Transmissions | 8101 Elder Creek Rd | Potential for petroleum based products and related substances | Moderate to High |
| D&R Auto Body and Paint | 6161 Power Inn Rd Unit A | Potential for petroleum based products and related substances | Moderate to High |
| Precision Collision Repair | 6161 Power Inn Rd Unit B | Potential for petroleum based products and related substances | Moderate to High |
| Precision Brake and Suspension | 6161 Power Inn Rd Unit C | Potential for petroleum based products and related substances | Moderate to High |
| Pettigrew & Sons Casket Co. | 6151 Power Inn Rd | Potential for hazardous chemicals and related substances | Moderate to High |
| All Transmissions | 6101 Power Inn Rd | Potential for petroleum based products and related substances | Moderate to High |
| Advance Auto Body and Paint | 6097 Power Inn Rd | Potential for petroleum based products and related substances | Moderate to High |
| De Anza Auto Center | 6087 Power Inn Rd | Potential for petroleum based products and related substances | Moderate to High |
| Express Auto Detailing | 6087 Power Inn Rd | Potential for hazardous chemicals and related substances | Moderate to High |
| Elder Creek Auto Repair | 8671 Elder Creek Rd #700 | Potential for petroleum based products and related substances | Moderate to High |
| Viking Steel Inc. | 8610 Elder Creek Rd | Potential for hazardous chemicals and related substances | Moderate to High |
| Mike's Truck Repair | 8542 Elder Creek Rd | Potential for petroleum based products and related substances | Moderate to High |
| Commercial Cardlock Facility | 8500 block Elder Creek Rd | Potential for petroleum based products and related substances | Moderate to High |
| Megg Auto Repair | 6400 Florin Perkins Rd | Potential for petroleum based products and related substances | Moderate to High |
| Billy's Auto Tech | 8394 Elder Creek Rd | Potential for petroleum based products and related substances | Moderate to High |
| L&M Auto Center | 8188 Elder Creek Rd | Potential for petroleum based products and related substances | Moderate to High |
| Ace Auto Repair and Smog | 8186 Elder Creek Rd | Potential for petroleum based products and related substances | Moderate to High |
| North Star Auto Body and Paint | 8184 Elder Creek Rd | Potential for petroleum based products and related substances | Moderate to High |
| Pierre Arrow Mechanical | 8182 Elder Creek Rd | Potential for petroleum based products and related substances | Moderate to High |

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| Pierre Arrow Collision Center | 8180 Elder Creek Rd | Potential for petroleum based products and related substances | Moderate to High |
| Victory Auto Body and Paint | 8836 Elder Creek Unit D | Potential for petroleum based products and related substances | Moderate to High |
| Zuprinco Printing | 5310 Power Inn Rd | Potential for hazardous chemicals and related substances | Moderate to High |
| Abe Janitorial Supply | 6015 Power Inn Rd Unit K | Potential for hazardous chemicals and related substances | Moderate |
| Mr. Moulding | 6015 Power Inn Rd Unit E | Potential for hazardous chemicals and related substances | Moderate |
| Nail Stuff Inc. | 6015 Power Inn Rd Unit G | Potential for hazardous chemicals and related substances | Moderate |
| American Moulding Corp. | 6043 Power Inn Rd | Potential for hazardous chemicals and related substances | Moderate |
| Poggen Pohl Kitchen and Bath | 6015 Power Inn Rd Unit C/D | Potential for hazardous chemicals and related substances | Moderate |
| Neon and Sign Fabricator | 4111 Power Inn Rd | Potential for hazardous chemicals and or gases | Moderate |
| Capitol Sweeper Service | 4141 Power Inn Rd | Potential for petroleum based products and related substances | Moderate |
| Valley Tool Repair | 4131 Power Inn Rd | Potential for petroleum based products and related substances | Moderate |
| Mighty Auto Parts | 4141 Power Inn Rd Unit D | Potential for petroleum based products and related substances | Moderate |
| Kings Bee Upholstery | 8101 Elder Creek Rd Unit N | Potential for hazardous chemicals and related substances | Moderate |
| American Building Supply | 8360 Elder Creek Rd | Potential for hazardous chemicals and related substances | Moderate |
| Unknown Industrial | 8604 Elder Creek Rd | Potential for hazardous chemicals and related substances | Moderate |
| California Landscape Associates | 8671 Elder Creek Rd | Potential for hazardous chemicals and related substances | Moderate |
| General Truss Co. Inc. | 8536 Elder Creek Rd | Potential for hazardous chemicals and related substances | Moderate |
| Home Mart | 8178 Elder Creek Rd | Potential for hazardous chemicals and related substances | Moderate |
| Sunshine Pad and Foam Recycling | 8172 Elder Creek Rd | Potential for hazardous chemicals and related substances | Moderate |
| Levin's Auto Supply | 8141 Elder Creek Rd | Potential for petroleum based products and related substances | Moderate |

| Property Description | Property Address | Type of Contamination and Required Action (if known) | Level of Concern |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Porter Wood Products | 8842 Elder Creek Rd Unit C | Potential for hazardous chemicals and related substances | Moderate |
| Sabers Sheet Metal | 8844 Elder Creek Rd Unit B/D | Potential for hazardous chemicals and related substances | Moderate |
| Pile Construction | 8844 Elder Creek Rd Unit C | Potential for hazardous chemicals and related substances | Moderate |
| Bristol Marine | 8836 Elder Creek Rd Unit B | Potential for hazardous chemicals and related substances | Moderate |
| Full Court Inc. | 8711 Elder Creek Rd | Potential for hazardous chemicals and related substances | Moderate |
| Cedar Valley Transport | 8800 Elder Creek Rd | Potential for petroleum based products and related substances | Low |
| Dynasty Tools | 8836 Elder Creek Rd | Potential for petroleum based products and related substances | Low |
| Precision Pulley and Idler | 8671 Elder Creek Rd | Potential for hazardous chemicals and related substances | Low |
| Pacific Lumber | 8300 block Elder Creek Rd | Potential for hazardous chemicals and related substances | Low |
| ABC Supply Co. | 8201 Elder Creek Rd | Potential for hazardous chemicals and related substances | Low |
| Industrial Caster and Wheel Co. | 5580 Power Inn Rd | Potential for hazardous chemicals and related substances | Low |
| Excalibur Food Dehydrators | 6083 Power Inn Rd | Potential for hazardous chemicals and related substances | Low |
| Above Board Electronics | 5580 Power Inn Rd | Potential for hazardous chemicals and related substances | Low |
| Unknown Industrial | 6331 Power Inn Rd | Potential for hazardous chemicals and related substances | Low |

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The Added Area's existing land uses are mainly residential west of Power Inn Road with some scattered public and institutional land uses, and primarily industrial east of Power Inn Road. Commercial uses are mostly concentrated on Power Inn Road, extending from 14th Avenue on the north, to the southern end of the Added Area at 53rd Avenue. Industrial uses are concentrated along the east side of Power Inn Road south of Elder Creek, and the south side of Elder Creek Road east of Power Inn Road (see previous figure 4.1-3, Zoning Designations).

Nonresidential land uses in the Added Area include commercial uses such as strip retail centers, small multi-tenant one story office buildings, liquor/convenience stores, service stations, automotive repair shops, car washes, restaurants and vacant sites. Industrial uses such as metal fabrication, wood products, heavy industry processing, auto yards and distribution and warehousing are also present, as well as the South Area Waste Transfer Station. Sources of contamination within the

Added Area include both commercial and industrial uses. In addition, existing structures for all types of land uses may contain asbestos, lead-based paint and PCBs.

Army Depot Contamination Issues

The 485-acre former Sacramento Army Depot, Superfund National Priorities List site, is located immediately adjacent to the Added Area and as such is a due diligence consideration for any properties in the Added Area. The Depot was established in 1945, and served as a supply depot primarily responsible for the receipt, storage, issuance, maintenance, and disposal of electronics supplies. Wastes from metal-plating operations, spray booth operations, and degreasing operations were discharged to unlined sewage lagoons, burned, or buried on the site. These practices had resulted in the contamination of some on-site soils at the former Oxidation Lagoons and Burn Pits and in other areas, as well as the groundwater beneath the site. Soil contamination was also shown in drainage ditches leading to the Old Morrison Creek, which flows around the southern boundaries of former Depot and through the Added Area. Approximately 50,000 people live within three miles of the site. The groundwater contamination at the site is in both the shallow and intermediate water-bearing zones and has migrated off site.

Groundwater is reportedly contaminated with various volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and soils at the former Oxidation Lagoons contain heavy metals including lead, cadmium, and chromium. Surface soils from on-site drainage ditches are contaminated with heavy metals including cadmium. Potential health threats to people include drinking, eating, breathing, or coming into direct contact with contaminated soils or groundwater.

This site is reportedly being addressed in five long-term remedial phases focusing on cleanup of the entire site, groundwater, Tank 2, the oxidation lagoons, and the burn pits.

Entire Site: The Army has been investigating the nature and extent of contamination associated with the site. The investigations have identified the contaminants and recommended alternatives for final cleanup. Investigations focused on identifying all areas of soil contamination, especially those that are affecting groundwater.

Groundwater: In 1990, the Army began operating a groundwater treatment facility. Seven groundwater vertical extraction wells pump the water to the treatment plant where hydrogen peroxide is added; the water then passes through a bank of ultraviolet lights to be decontaminated and then discharged into a sanitary sewer. Recently, additional extraction wells (one vertical and two horizontal) have been installed to expand the capture zone and decrease the time necessary to achieve remediation objectives. Also, the Army began pumping from an existing on-site C-zone extraction well to capture contamination that has migrated into the deeper aquifer. The groundwater treatment is expected to continue indefinitely. The Army has conducted their first five-year review which focused on the groundwater treatment system for the South Post Burn Pits. The goals of this first five-year review included assessing: (1) the effectiveness of the hydraulic containment of the volatile organic compounds (VOC) plume; (2) the reliability of the South Post treatment plant during the past five years of operations; and (3) changes in threatened/susceptible receptors. The analytical results indicate the remediation activities remain protective of human health and the environment. It has been determined that the migration of contaminated ground water has stabilized and there is no ground water discharge to surface water.

Tank 2: A study of the contamination around Tank 2 was completed in 1991. The final cleanup remedy, selected in late 1991, called for soil vapor extraction to remove the VOCs from the soil. All cleanup activities were completed in the summer of 1994. In June 1996, the Army conducted Tank 2 reconfirmation sampling to confirm the previous results, since the data packages the laboratories provided were insufficient to verify the quality of the analyses, and the analyses were not validated using EPA guidelines. The reconfirmation sampling analytical results confirmed the soil contaminated at Tank 2 area has been remediated, and the site is now considered clean.

Oxidation Lagoons: In 1988, the Army began a study of the nature and extent of contamination related to the oxidation lagoons. The final cleanup remedy, selected in the fall of 1992, was soil washing to remove heavy metal contamination. This remedy failed. The new cleanup remedy, solidification of contaminated soil, was selected to remove heavy metal contamination. The solidification of contaminated soil with heavy metal has been completed and the Final Remediation Report was submitted to agencies.

Burn Pits: In 1991, the Army began a study of the contamination in and around the burn pits. A remedy was selected in 1993 that divides the cleanup into two phases. The first phase uses soil vapor extraction to remove VOCs from the soil. This cleanup action is now complete. The second phase of cleanup, solidification of contaminated soil with heavy metals, has been completed, and the Final Remediation Report was submitted to agencies.

The Army has cleaned up the contaminated soil surrounding Tank 2, at the Oxidation Lagoons area, and at the Burn Pits. The operation of the groundwater treatment facility will continue to protect area residents from exposure to contaminated groundwater from the Sacramento Army Depot site while final cleanup activities are being planned. The site is on the Final NPL; overall the migration of contaminated ground water has stabilized and there is no ground water discharge to surface water, and adequate controls are in place to prevent human exposure to contamination.

Potential Receptors

The sensitivity of potential receptors in the areas of known or potential hazardous materials contamination is dependent primarily on an individual's potential pathway for exposure. Hazardous materials exposure in the Added Area could occur through exposure to groundwater and/or soil contamination during construction. With respect to this possible form of hazardous materials exposure, construction workers have the highest potential for exposure to groundwater and/or soil contamination. However, other potential receptors in the Added Area include home health care facilities and residential areas. These receptors are more likely to be exposed to fugitive dust created during demolition and construction.

4.6.2 REGULATORY SETTING

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Federal

Many agencies regulate hazardous substances. These include federal agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), and the

National Institutes of Health (NIH). The following federal laws and guidelines govern hazardous substances:

- Federal Water Pollution Control Act
- Clean Air Act
- Occupational Safety and Health Act
- Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act
- Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act Guidelines for Carcinogens and Biohazards
- Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act, Title III
- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
- Safe Drinking Water Act
- Toxic Substances Control Act

At the federal level, the principal agency regulating the generation, transport, and disposal of hazardous substances is the EPA, under the authority of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The EPA regulates hazardous substance sites under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). Applicable federal regulations are contained primarily in Titles 29, 40, and 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).

Hazardous Substances Handling Requirements

The RCRA established an all-encompassing federal regulatory program for hazardous substances that is administered by EPA. Under the RCRA, EPA regulates the generation, transportation, treatment, storage, and disposal of hazardous substances. The RCRA was amended in 1984 by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Act (HSWA), which affirmed and extended the “cradle-to-grave” system of regulating hazardous substances. The HSWA specifically prohibits the use of certain techniques for the disposal of some hazardous substances.

Under the RCRA, individual states may implement their own hazardous substance management programs as long as those programs are consistent with, and at least as strict as, the RCRA. The EPA must approve state programs intended to implement the RCRA requirements.

Hazardous Substances Worker Safety Requirements

The federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is the agency responsible for ensuring worker safety. OSHA sets federal standards for implementation of training in the workplace, exposure limits, and safety procedures in the handling of hazardous substances (as well as other hazards). OSHA also establishes criteria by which each state can implement its own health and safety program.

State

The Cal/EPA and the Office of Emergency Services (OES) of the State of California establish rules governing the use of hazardous substances in the state. The SWRCB has primary responsibility to protect water quality and supply.

Applicable State laws include the following:

- Porter Cologne Water Quality Act
- Public safety and fire regulations and building codes
- Hazardous Substance Control Law
- Hazardous Substances Information and Training Act
- Hazardous Substances Release Response Plans and Inventory Act
- Air Toxics Hot Spots and Emissions Inventory Law
- Underground Storage of Hazardous Substances Act

Within Cal/EPA, the Department of Toxic Substance Control (“DTSC” - formerly the Department of Health Services) has primary regulatory responsibility for the generation, transport and disposal of hazardous substances under the authority of the Hazardous Waste Control Law (HWCL). DTSC can delegate this enforcement role to local jurisdictions that enter into agreements with the state agency. State regulations applicable to hazardous substances are indexed in Title 26 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR).

Hazardous Substances Handling Requirements

In California, the Hazardous Waste Management Program (HWMP) regulates hazardous waste through its permitting, enforcement, and Unified Program activities. The HWMP is authorized by EPA to implement the RCRA program in California and develops regulations, policies, guidance, technical assistance, and training to ensure the safe storage, treatment, transportation, and disposal of hazardous wastes.

Regulations implementing the HWCL list 791 hazardous chemicals and 20 or 30 more common substances that may be hazardous; establish criteria for identifying, packaging and labeling hazardous substances; prescribe management of hazardous substances; establish permit requirements for hazardous substances treatment, storage, disposal and transportation; and identify hazardous substances that cannot be deposited in landfills.

Under both the RCRA and the HWCL, the generator of a hazardous substance must complete a manifest that accompanies the waste from the point of generation to the ultimate treatment, storage or disposal location. The manifest describes the waste, its intended destination, and other regulatory information about the waste. Copies must be filed with the DTSC. Generators must also match copies of waste manifests with receipts from the treatment, storage or disposal facility to which it sends waste.

Hazardous Substances Worker Safety Requirements

Cal/OSHA assumes primary responsibility for developing and enforcing workplace safety regulations within California. Cal/OSHA standards are more stringent than federal regulations.

Cal/OSHA regulations concerning the use of hazardous substances include requirements for safety training, availability of safety equipment, hazardous substances exposure warnings, and emergency action and fire prevention plan preparation. Cal/OSHA enforces the hazard communication program regulations, which include provisions for identifying and labeling hazardous substances, describing the hazards of chemicals, and documenting employee-training programs.

Both federal and State laws include special provisions for hazard communication to employees who work with and/or encounter hazardous materials and wastes. The training must include safe methods for handling hazardous substances, an explanation of Material Safety Data Sheets, use of emergency response equipment, implementation of an emergency response plan, and use of personal protective equipment.

Local Regulations

Sacramento County is responsible for enforcing the state regulations, both in the city and the county, governing hazardous substance generators, hazardous substance storage, and underground storage tanks (including inspections, enforcement, and removals). The Sacramento County Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) regulates the use, storage, and disposal of hazardous substances in Sacramento County by issuing permits, monitoring regulatory compliance, investigating complaints, and other enforcement activities. HMD reviews technical aspects of hazardous substance site cleanup operations and oversees remediation of certain contaminated sites resulting from leaking underground storage tanks. HMD is also responsible for providing technical assistance to public and private entities that seek to minimize the generation of hazardous substance.

Goals and policies have been developed by the City and County of Sacramento concerning the management of hazardous substances to protect human health and the environment (Sacramento County Hazardous Waste Management Plan, 1988; 1986 to 2006 General Plan for Sacramento, 1987).

Sacramento City General Plan

The following are relevant City of Sacramento General Plan goals and policies that apply to the Added Area:

Goal A: Provide for the health and safety of the citizens of Sacramento and for the protection of the environment by reducing exposure to hazardous substances and waste.

- Goal A Policy 1: Work with the County, State, and federal agencies and responsible parties to identify, contain and cleanup sites that contain hazardous substances.
- Goal A Policy 4: Coordinate with Sacramento County, the State and federal governments to ensure compatibility among plans, programs, regulations and safeguards.

4.6.3 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

METHODOLOGY

This analysis is based on a review of current lists made available by regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over storage, monitoring, and cleanup of hazardous wastes. The boundaries of the proposed Added Area were reviewed to determine existing and planned land use and potential exposure to Hazardous Materials.

THRESHOLDS OF SIGNIFICANCE

A project would normally have a significant hazards impact if, through construction activities, attracting people to the site, or use of hazardous materials, it would:

- Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials;
- Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment; or
- Be located on a site that is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, could create a significant hazard to the public or the environment.
- For a project located within a known or potential contaminated site, the project results in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the Added Area.

IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT

Impact 4.6-1 Possible Delays to or Interference with Investigation or Remediation Activities Due to Redevelopment Projects.

Under the direction of local and State agencies, assessment and remediation of soil and water contamination is being conducted at a number of release sites throughout the Added Area. Proposed redevelopment activities could affect these sites through adjustments in cleanup schedules, remedial designs, and remedial actions when determining final cleanup levels. However, these adjustments should not prevent assessment and remediation activities at these sites from continuing in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations to protect human health and the environment. Also, ongoing activities at identified release sites may delay or limit some proposed land uses at or near those sites.

The severity of contamination or level of remediation effort at these sites may to a certain extent limit future land uses by the recipients on a site-specific level. Regulatory review will ensure that any site-specific land use limitations are identified and considered. Based on the results of further review and investigation, the regulatory agencies overseeing these sites may, where appropriate, place limits on land reuse through deed restrictions on conveyances and use restrictions on leases. The responsible parties may also retain right of access to other properties to inspect monitoring wells or conduct other remedial activities. This impact is ***less than significant***.

Mitigation Measures

None required.

Impact 4.6-2 Potential Redevelopment of Previously Identified or Unidentified Contaminated Sites

Redevelopment activities often involve the rehabilitation or reuse of older properties that may result in the discovery of previously unidentified contaminated properties, or provide for reuse of identified, but not yet remediated sites. Historical uses which have created releases of hazardous substances or petroleum products may be masked by the present or recent uses of the property. Excavation could damage unidentified underground storage tanks with some remaining petroleum products that could result in the exposure of construction workers and result in associated significant adverse health effects. In addition, construction activity could uncover unknown sites of soil contamination that could result in the exposure of construction workers and result in associated significant adverse health effects. This would be a ***significant impact***

Mitigation Measures

4.6.2a A thorough examination of past property uses shall be required for redevelopment projects involving demolition or reuse of older properties or construction on vacant land, prior to demolition or construction. This examination shall conform to the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment process established by ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials - E1527-00), and shall include a site reconnaissance, a review of regulatory databases, interviews with persons knowledgeable of the property, and a review of past property uses using appropriate historical sources. A Phase II Environmental Site Assessment shall be conducted if deemed necessary based on the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment results.

4.6-2b If discolored soil, vapors or contaminated groundwater are encountered during construction activities, all work shall cease until a qualified environmental professional assesses the situation and appropriate action is taken to ensure the safety of workers and the public.

Significance after Mitigation

Less than significant.

Impact 4.6-3: Potential Asbestos Exposure Hazards during Renovation or Demolition of Existing Structures with Asbestos Containing Material

Renovation, demolition, and excavation of existing structures and facilities with asbestos containing materials (ACM) may occur as a result of redevelopment actions. Disturbance of ACM may result in asbestos exposure hazards to human health and the environment. Renovation and demolition activities would be subject to all applicable federal, state, and local regulations to minimize potential risks to human health and the environment. ACM in historic properties would be managed in accordance with National Park Service and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) guidance. This impact would be ***less than significant***.

Mitigation Measures

None required.

Impact 4.6-4: Potential Lead Exposure from Reuse Activities Involving Buildings with Lead-Based Paint (LBP)

Redevelopment activities may involve the demolition or renovation of existing structures that may contain lead-based paint. Human health or environmental exposure to lead may result if lead-based paint is chipping and then accidentally ingested. Property recipients would be notified of the potential of lead-based paint prior to property disposition and during real estate transactions under State Real Estate law. Lead-based paint in historic properties would be managed in accordance with National Park Service and HUD guidance. Lead-based paint would be removed and disposed of in these facilities in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local regulations to minimize potential risks to human health and the environment, thus this impact would be ***less than significant***.

Mitigation Measures

None required.

4.6.4 REFERENCES – HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

- *Sacramento Army Depot Fact Sheet*, United States Environmental Protection Agency – Region 9, dated June 15, 2000.
- *Environmental First Search*, Data Base Summary, 2003
- *Superfund Information Systems – CERCLIS: Site Information*, <http://cfpub.epa.gov/supercpad/cursites/csinfo.cfm?id=0902715>