



# Montrose Chemical Superfund Site

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## EPA to Oversee Soil Sampling on and near Montrose Chemical Corporation

This flyer provides information about additional environmental investigation activities that will take place on and near the Montrose Chemical Corporation (Montrose) property in March 2010. Montrose is located at 20201 South Normandie Avenue, Los Angeles, California. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will oversee the soil gas (also referred to as 'soil vapor') survey. Contractors for Montrose will conduct the activities, outlined on Figure 1, which includes the northern portion of the Montrose property and a portion of the former Boeing property located immediately north and adjacent to Montrose. The purpose of the survey is to sample and analyze the soil gas in shallow soil for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) to support an evaluation of indoor air human health risks as part of the Montrose Soil Risk Assessment. EPA believes the VOCs originated at the former Montrose DDT plant, part of a federally recognized Superfund Site.

### Upcoming Activities

Montrose contractors are expected to begin drilling the week of March 8, 2010. Work will take approximately 1 week. Crews will operate a direct-push drill rig to take soil samples at 5 and 15 feet below ground surface (see Figure 2 for a typical



Figure 1: Area of Soil Gas Sampling

drill rig). Some noise may be heard on properties adjacent to Montrose during daylight hours. These activities are not expected to generate dust. Most of the soil gas samples will be analyzed using a mobile laboratory (instrumentation contained within a van) located at the work site, and select samples will be sent to a laboratory; all the samples will be analyzed for VOCs.

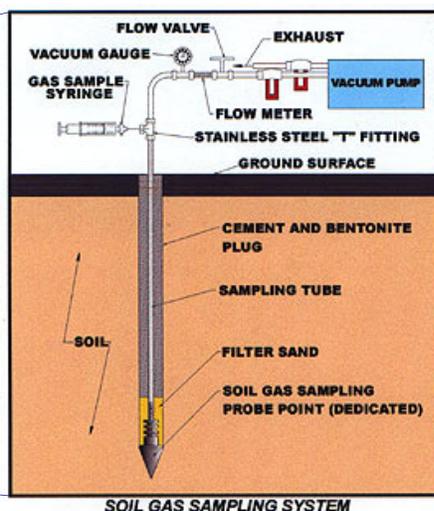
### What is Superfund?

Superfund is a federal law that allows EPA to perform or require cleanups when hazardous substances are released into the environment.

Through the Superfund process, EPA is working with potentially responsible parties to investigate contamination, evaluate options and select a cleanup, and then design and implement the cleanup.



Figure 2: Truck-mounted direct-push drill rig



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### What is the Montrose Site?

Montrose operated a plant that made the pesticide DDT from 1947 to 1982. The plant was located at 20201 South Normandie Avenue, just south of Francisco Street and north of the electric substation and across from the Del Amo Alley. Chemicals including VOCs, DDT, and benzene hexachloride (BHC) have been found in soils on and near Montrose.

### Will the workers I see at the work site be from the EPA?

EPA is the government agency that requires soil investigations at the work site. EPA is overseeing the investigation and cleanup of soils, soil vapor, and groundwater at the site. Most of the workers you will see are contracted on behalf of Montrose (using EPA-approved procedures). If you have any questions or concerns, please contact EPA at the numbers included on this page.

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### EPA INFORMATION REPOSITORIES

Many of the Montrose Superfund Site reports, fact sheets, and other important documents can be found on EPA's website [www.epa.gov/region09/montrose](http://www.epa.gov/region09/montrose), and are located in information repositories at:

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