



Montrose and Del Amo Superfund Sites

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Los Angeles County, California

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Utility Locating Work Starts March 22nd

This factsheet provides information on the utility locating “potholing” activities that will be taking place along the streets of the pipeline system being designed for the cleanup of groundwater associated with the Former Montrose Chemical Facility and the former Del Amo Facility. Under the oversight of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Montrose Chemical Corporation of California (Montrose) will be performing this work.

During this utility work, up to 168 small holes (approximately 12 inches in diameter and 6 feet deep) will be opened in city and county streets in the areas along the pipeline route shown in Figure 1. The work will allow Montrose to identify the locations, diameters and depths of these existing utilities so that the pipelines can be designed and constructed to avoid them. These activities will not pose a threat to you or your property.

What will actually happen?

- The work to be done will include the following steps:
1. Open the asphalt or concrete surface
 2. Identify the utility, take depth measurements with a survey rod & confirm the orientation of the utility
 3. Backfill hole with native soil
 4. Compact the soil
 5. Patch with Department of Transportation-approved asphalt patch or Rapid-Set
 6. Paint data on the street surface regarding the location of the identified underground utilities

Figure 1. Location of the cleanup pipelines and wells

WHAT:

Field work on local streets called “Potholing” of up to 168 holes along the proposed pipeline route

WHEN:

Starting on March 22nd, 2010, and continuing for about four weeks, though individual streets will only see work for a short period

WHERE:

Along the proposed pipeline route, see Figure 1

WORK SCHEDULE:

Monday through Friday, no earlier than 7am and no later than 5:30pm

WHO AND WHY:

Under EPA, Montrose Chemical Corporation of California is designing a groundwater cleanup system. This design requires underground utilities to be identified.

What is this work all about?

Montrose operated a pesticide plant from 1947 to 1982. The plant was located at 20201 S. Normandie Avenue, just south of Francisco Street and north of Del Amo Blvd. The Del Amo site is east of the Montrose property and is a former synthetic rubber manufacturing plant which was constructed between 1942 and 1943.

As a result of Montrose’s operations, chlorobenzene is present in deep groundwater over an area about 1.3 miles long and about a mile wide. A dissolved benzene plume associated with the Del Amo site is also present in groundwater. None of the contaminated groundwater is used as drinking water and it does not pose a risk to you.



