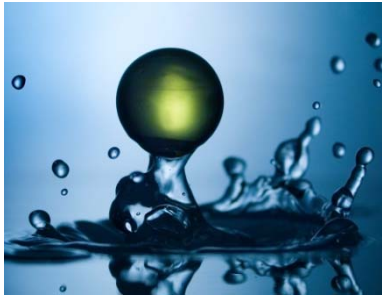


## Voluntary Cleanup Program Goals



The Department of Environmental Health (DEH) recognizes that no one's interests are served by leaving sites contaminated and unusable. The Voluntary Cleanup Program allows motivated parties who are able to fund their cleanup to expedite the assessment and remediation of the release.

DEH's goal is to work collaboratively with Responsible Parties to facilitate a more efficient and effective approach to site cleanup.



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### Program Description

The Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) oversees the cleanup of properties contaminated by hazardous materials. The California Health & Safety Code Sections 101480 through 101490 provides that a Responsible Party (RP) for a contaminated site may request our oversight of a site investigation and any remediation necessary to mitigate the site. Oversight activities include review of required site assessment and remediation work plans, review of required sampling operations, analysis of sampling data, and establishment of site cleanup criteria. VCP caseworkers can provide speedy review times, generally within a few weeks.

### How Do I Begin?

The RP can initiate oversight by submitting a written request. The RP must agree to be assessed an hourly service fee and enter into a Remedial Action Agreement (RAA) with DEH. The current hourly rate for the VCP is \$191 per hour for the actual staff time spent on oversight of the case. We require an initial deposit of eight (8) hours for a total of \$1,528 to be submitted with the signed RAA.

The VCP bills on a quarterly basis and payment is due within 30 calendar days of the invoice date.

We are required to notify the Department of Toxic Substances



Control (DTSC) and the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) to determine if these agencies have any regulatory involvement with the site. If no concerns are raised by the State agencies, a VCP caseworker will oversee the investigation and remediation of your site. After determining that the RP has completed the site assessment and remedial work, DEH will provide the RP with a No Further Action (NFA) letter and Case Closure Summary. These documents will describe the remedial actions taken to mitigate the effects of the release and will certify that residual soil and groundwater contamination at the site shall not pose a continuing significant threat to groundwater resources, human health, or the environment.

*The VCP can significantly reduce your time to closure. Contact us today for more information at (408) 918-3400 or by email at [vcp@deh.sccgov.org](mailto:vcp@deh.sccgov.org).*