

BROWNFIELDS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE 10950 SOUTH CENTRAL AVE, LOS ANGELES

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Property Information

Address

10950 South Central Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90059

Size

~7 acres

Technical Assistance Recipients

Watts Labor Community Action Committee (WLCAC)

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PROJECT SUMMARY

Community

The property is located at 10950 South Central Avenue in the Watts neighborhood of Los Angeles. This neighborhood is among California's most environmentally overburdened and socially underserved communities. EPA places a high priority on providing Brownfields technical assistance and other support to such communities. The Watts Labor Community Action Committee (WLCAC) provides social services, cultural programs and community development to improve the quality of life for residents in South Central Los Angeles.

Property Information

The property was mostly vacant land from 1927 to 1947. From the early 1950s to the mid-1970s, Maine Machine Works operated on the western portion of the property. Starting in the mid/late-1960s and continuing to mid-1970s, the northwestern portion of the property operated as an auto wrecking yard. The property currently contains four large retail buildings. A 10,000-gallon-capacity, unleaded-gasoline underground storage tank (UST) was formerly operated on the northeast portion of the property by the property owner, WLCAC. WLCAC discontinued use of the UST in the early 2000s, although the UST was never removed.

Technical Assistance

EPA provides technical assistance to research historic property uses, conduct environmental sampling and identify cleanup options and costs. An EPA-funded environmental assessment included the removal and proper closure of the UST and assessment of the soil beneath and around the UST for contaminants associated with fuel storage. No contaminants of concern were detected above regulatory criteria. **Recommendation:** Additional soil gas sampling may be warranted.

Future Use

The non-profit WLCAC plans to reuse the property to host midnight basketball games for at-risk youth and as a venue for revenue-generating concerts. The concert funds will allow WLCAC to invest in additional social service programs for youth, elderly, homeless, and the underemployed.

