

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q:** Does oily soil encountered in the Alden Park area present a significant health risk?
- A:** No. According to the Department of Toxic Substances Control, oily soil associated with the former fuel oil reservoir that is encountered in Alden Park area does not present a significant health risk.
- Q:** What does oily soil look like?
- A:** Oily soil has been encountered mostly as tar-like material found 5 to 8 feet below ground and small asphalt-like particles mixed with soil observed in shallow soil in the vicinity of Alden Park.
- Q:** Where did the oil in the ground come from?
- A:** From 1928 to 1957 Chevron's predecessor operated an oil storage reservoir in the area that is now Alden Park. The oil in the ground is likely associated with those historic operations.
- Q:** Do I need to disclose that there is oily soil in the neighborhood to someone who might buy my house?
- A:** Your disclosure obligation at the time of the sale of your home is dictated by California law. Chevron recommends that homeowners in the Alden Park community disclose information relating to the former fuel oil reservoir and the potential to encounter oily soil in the area.
- Q:** What should I do if I encounter oily soil on my property?
- A:** If you encounter oily soil, please contact us at 1-800-878-1771, and leave a message with your name and phone number.
- Q:** Is my drinking water affected by the residual oil?
- A:** No. Your drinking water is supplied by the City of Tracy.

Information is also available at www.hppinfo.com.

For More Information

Chevron Environmental Management Company
800-878-1771

Regional Water Quality Control Board
559-445-5170

San Joaquin County Public Health Services
Environmental Health Division
209-468-3412

Department of Toxic Substances Control
559-297-3901

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on your property or near
Alden Park**

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Alden Park Community Update



Introduction

This fact sheet provides an update pertaining to oily soil, which may be encountered in the Alden Park area. The oily soil is associated with the former fuel oil reservoir (removed in 1957) that was located on what is now known as Alden Park. The oily soil does not present a significant health risk. If you encounter oily soil in the Alden Park area, please call 1-800-878-1771.



Background

In 1928, Chevron's predecessor company built an oil reservoir in the area that is now Alden Park for the storage of Bunker C fuel oil. The bunker oil was distributed throughout the western United States for use by steam trains. In 1957, the reservoir was decommissioned, emptied, cleaned and sold. Ultimately, the land was sold to a homebuilder and used for residential housing during the 1970s and 1980s.

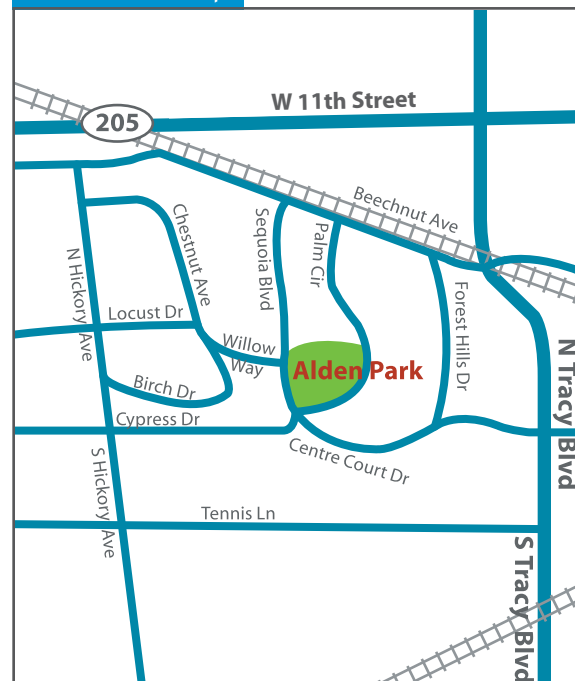
In 1986, a homeowner living near Alden Park noticed a tar-like substance in the soil on his property. Chevron initiated an assessment of the area's subsurface soil condition and determined that residual oil was present in shallow soils beneath the park and the surrounding areas.

Oil was observed in primarily two forms:

- Visibly oily/tar-like material, which has been observed 5 to 8 feet below ground in the immediate vicinity of the former reservoir; and
- Small asphalt-like particles mixed with soil, which have been observed in shallow soil in the vicinity of the park.

Under the direction of the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, soil testing and analysis was conducted. The testing concluded that the soil was non-hazardous and did not pose a significant health risk. In addition, it was determined that, due to its heavy and weathered nature, the oil beneath the site is relatively immobile.

Site Location Map



Soil Management Plan

Chevron, with regulatory oversight from the Regional Water Quality Control Board, conducts regular monitoring and sampling of groundwater, localized cleanup of oily soil (excavation and removal), and other activities.

In addition, Chevron developed a Soil Management Plan to determine the appropriate handling and disposal of oily soil. The Soil Management Plan serves as a guideline for property owners, developers, contractors, and regulatory agencies for addressing oily soil as it is encountered in the Alden Park area.

If you have any questions about oily soil or would like a copy of the Soil Management Plan, please call 1-800-878-1771.