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## Water treatment plant site selected

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### NASA picks lot for new facility to remove toxic elements

**PASADENA** — Despite neighbors' concerns, NASA has selected a lot in a residential corner of Northwest Pasadena for its newest water treatment plant to remove JPL Superfund site toxins.

The \$3.1 million plant at 2696 Windsor Ave. would extract perchlorate and volatile organic compounds from four Pasadena city wells. The water

would then be added to the city's drinking water supply.

At meetings last summer and during public comment sessions, many complained the plant's construction and day-to-day operation would bring noise, traffic and health hazards to the middle of the residential neighborhood.

The latest plans for the site, though, will take those concerns

into consideration, said Merrilee Fellows, the project's outreach manager.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, which is responsible for the groundwater cleanup, has hired landscape architects to propose ways beautify the project, she said.

NASA would also work to control traffic, add noise abatement measures and keep con-

struction dust to a minimum with watering and tarps, Fellows said. The contaminated water would be contained at all times within the treatment facility and therefore pose no safety threat, she said.

The land, near the corner of Windsor Avenue and Mountain View Street, is owned by the city of Pasadena but surrounded on three sides by Altadena.

Adjoining Windsor Reservoir, it is already connected with pipes to the four source wells, three of which were closed since 2001 and one since 1997.

The project will now be reviewed by the city.

Steve Slaten, the project's manager, expects construction would begin "no earlier than early 2008," with the goal of providing cleaned water by the end of that year.

NASA is currently running two water treatment facilities — one on the JPL campus which reinjects clean water into the ground, and one in Altadena which provides water to the Lincoln Avenue Water Co.

A NASA report released last month asserts that perchlorate found in five other Pasadena wells east of the Rose Bowl did not come from JPL.

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