

# TOXICS IN YOUR BACKYARD

## 7825 SAN LEANDRO STREET

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For over 100 years, the toxic **AB&I Metal Foundry** operated at 7825 San Leandro Street, emitting pollution into the air, soil, and water of East Oakland. Long-term community advocacy led to a lawsuit about cancer causing hexavalent chromium spewing from the site and culminated in AB&I closing the facility in 2022. Almost immediately after AB&I closed, the real estate company **Prologis** purchased the land and developed plans for putting a 311,000 square foot warehouse there. All the while, the Alameda County Environmental Health Department started overseeing the remediation process for the cleanup of toxic substances at the site from the metal foundry.

Before there can be a warehouse, Prologis must complete environmental review and a community engagement process. Concerningly, Prologis has leased the former foundry to **Auto Plus Towing**. Auto Plus Towing has been operating a tow yard at the site without permits since September 2024 and has towed damaged, wrecked, and burnt out vehicles to 7825 San Leandro Street that are a source of hazardous pollution according to Alameda Hazardous Materials Division.



### PAST POLLUTION

#### AB&I Metal Foundry

Arsenic	Lead
Benzene	Naphthalene
Copper	Nickel
Diesel	PCBs
Ethylbenzene	PCE
Gasoline	TPH
Hexavalent-Chromium	TCE
Vinyl Chloride	
Waste oil	

#### POLLUTION IDENTIFIED IN:

Structures, groundwater, soil, surface water, air

### PRESENT POLLUTION

#### Auto+ Towing

Oil, fuel, and other dust and debris leaking from impounded vehicles; Oil improperly stored at site; Oil absorbent not cleaned up; and Heavy equipment (air pollution):

#### Diesel PM 2.5 & Diesel NOx

Burnt out vehicles towed to site may leech: **Heavy metals, flame retardants and toxic plastics**

#### POLLUTION RISK FOR:

Soil, water/stormwater, air

### FUTURE POLLUTION

#### Distribution Warehouse

A distribution warehouse with 43 loading bays and 228 parking spots which would likely generate . . .

**Benzene**  
**Nitrogen Oxides**  
**Carbon Monoxide**  
**Ozone**

### WHAT'S AHEAD?

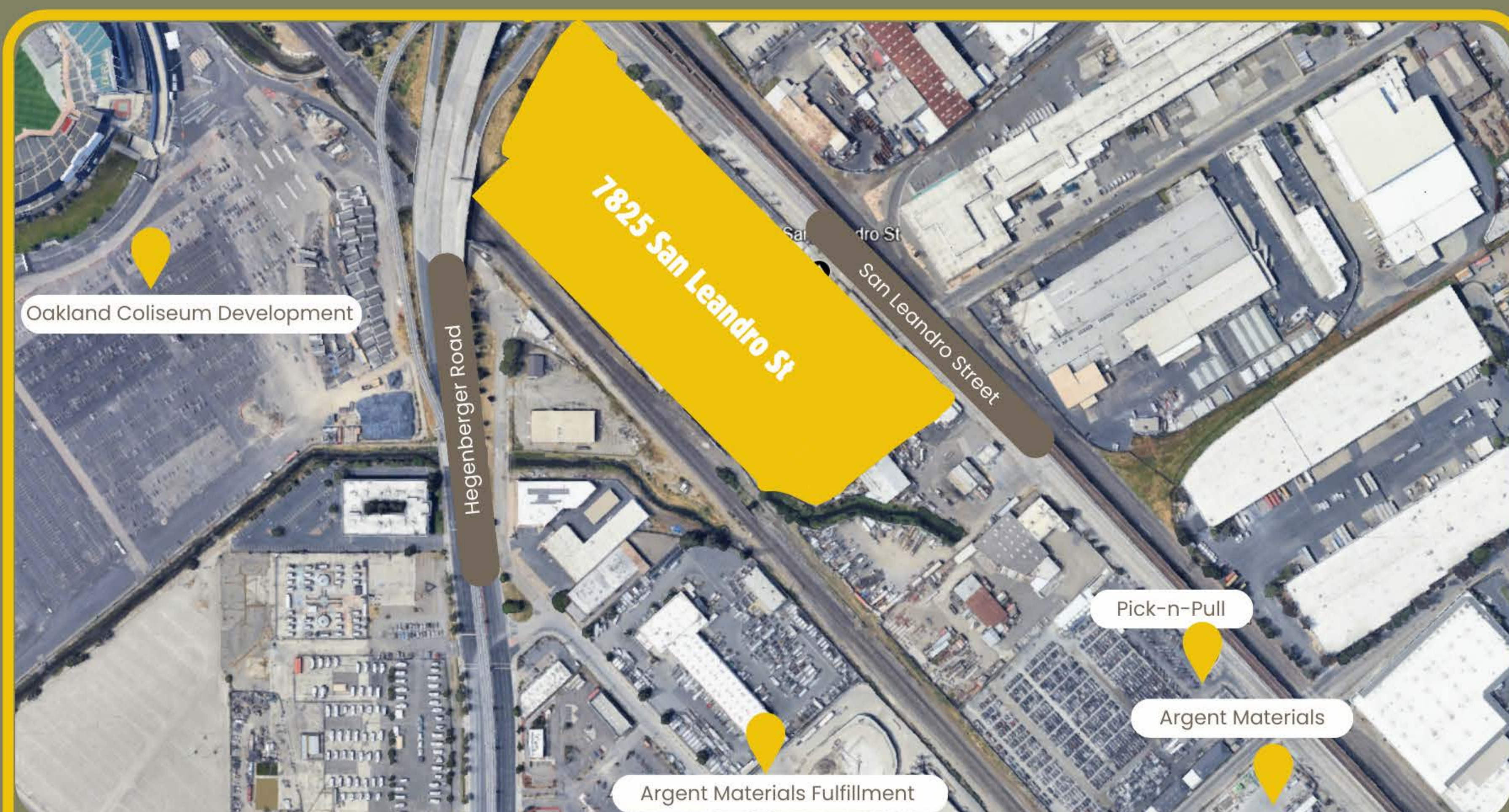
Pollution from the metal foundry is still being identified, and new sources of hazardous pollution are building up from the tow yard as Prologis seeks to develop a new polluting warehouse.



### CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

“Cumulative impacts” refers to the combined effects of multiple sources of pollution and environmental stressors over time that cause adverse effects to human health and wellbeing.

7825 San Leandro is in an community overburdened by pollution, with multiple industrial sites that have the potential to contribute pollution to air, soil, and water that can cause adverse health effects.



7825 San Leandro St. is in East Oakland, where Hegenberger Rd. crosses San Leandro St. -- within half a mile of Coliseum BART Station, Acorn Woodland and EnCompass Academy Elementary Schools, and homes in the neighborhoods of Woodland and Highland.

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## HEALTH IMPACTS OF PAST, PRESENT, & FUTURE POLLUTION

Exposure to these pollutants can cause the following health impacts:

### Heavy Metals

[Lead, Arsenic, Nickel, Copper]



**Exposure:** Air pollution inhalation

Consuming polluted water or soil

**Health Impacts:** Eye and skin yellowing, neurodegenerative illness, cardiovascular disease, infertility, cancer

### Carbon Monoxide

(CO)



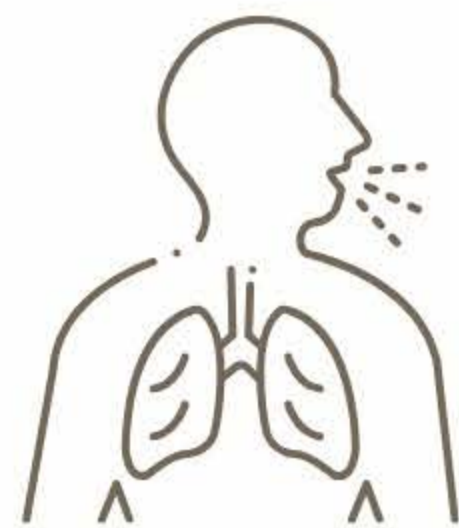
**Exposure:** Air pollution inhalation

Colorless, odorless gas

**Health Impacts:** Headaches, dizziness, fatigue, nausea, hypoxia, memory loss, death

### Nitrogen Oxides

(NOx)



**Exposure:** Air pollution inhalation

Colorless air pollution, with harsh odor

**Health Impacts:** Coughing, wheezing, asthma, lung disease, cancer, premature death

### Benzene



**Exposure:** Can be absorbed through the air or skin

Colorless flammable gas with sweet smell

**Health Impacts:** Dizziness, headaches, drowsiness, hematologic cancers (such as leukemia)



## SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE

7825 SAN LEANDRO ST.  
SURVEY



Take this anonymous survey to share with us:

## WHAT'S NEXT?

Keep up with 7825 San Leandro Street actions by staying up to date with CBE @cbe\_eastoak or submit your information in the survey for direct outreach!

- Alameda County, City of Oakland, Prologis, & Auto+ Towing Virtual Community Meeting on 7825 San Leandro on **April 2nd 6-7p**, <https://tinyurl.com/7825-SanLeandro>
- Environmental review and public comment on warehouse development is expected in late Fall 2025

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