



# NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

## DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN

### CENTRAL REGION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #16

### LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

**Public Comment Period:** August 9 to September 10, 2007

#### WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the Draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) proposed Central Region Elementary School #16 site (Site). This Draft RAW describes the removal and off-site lawful disposal of approximately 1,186 cubic yards (1,779 tons) of lead and arsenic impacted soil from the Site, and the excavation and possible reuse or lawful disposal of approximately 1,521 cubic yards (2,282 tons) of soil containing tetrachloroethylene (PCE) and benzene impacted soil vapor. The proposed 3.18 acre Site is bordered by East 57<sup>th</sup> Street to the north, South Main Street to the west, East 58<sup>th</sup> Street to the south, and commercial properties to the east. During the Site investigations, lead and arsenic was detected in shallow soils in concentrations exceeding DTSC health risk levels for school sites. PCE and benzene was identified in soil vapor at the Site. It is estimated that soil will have to be excavated to a maximum depth of 20 feet for contaminated soil and soil vapor. Therefore, LAUSD proposes to lawfully remove the contaminated soil and transport it to a permitted off-site disposal facility. The soil removal is expected to take place as early as September 2007. DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption for this soil removal pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. This project is considered exempt since it will not have a significant negative impact on the human health and the environment due to the relatively short duration and the controlled manner in which the contaminated soils will be excavated, loaded onto trucks and taken off-site for lawful disposal/treatment.

#### HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

This notice is to provide the interested community an opportunity to learn more about the project and submit comments to DTSC regarding the proposed cleanup during a 30-day public comment period that starts on August 9 and ends on September 10, 2007. Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the draft RAW may be submitted in writing to Amit Pathak, Project Manager, at the DTSC address listed below, and must be postmarked by **September 10, 2007**.

#### WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the Draft RAW and other project documents are available at: Junipero Serra Library, 4607 S. Main Street, Los Angeles; Main Street Elementary School, 129 E. 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, Los Angeles; 49<sup>th</sup> Street Elementary School; 750 E. 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Los Angeles; LAUSD Office of Environmental Health and Safety, 1055 W. 7<sup>th</sup> St., 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles; and at [www.laschools.org](http://www.laschools.org). Also, all site documents and the full Administrative Record pertaining to this project are available for review during office hours at the DTSC Regional Records Office, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630. Contact: Julie Johnson at (714) 484-5337.

#### CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Jeanne Matsumoto, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (866) 495-5611, press option 4 or e-mail: [jmatsumo@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:jmatsumo@dtsc.ca.gov); or Amit Pathak, DTSC Project Manager, at (714) 484-5468 or email: [apathak@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:apathak@dtsc.ca.gov).

*Si desea información en español, comuníquese con: Leticia Hernandez,  
Especialista en Participación Pública del DTSC, al (714) 484-5488.*