

Public Notice

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances through the restoration of contaminated resources, enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.

Draft Removal Action Workplan - New Roads School, Santa Monica.

Public Comment Period: June 6 through July 6, 2012

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED? The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to comment on a draft Removal Action Workplan (draft RAW) for a portion of the 2.6 acre New Roads School (Site) property located in Santa Monica, California.

Environmental investigations completed at the Site found elevated concentrations of metals in the undocumented fill material at the Site. The undocumented fill material is soil that was brought into the site in the 1940's - 1950's to fill the pit from the former clay mining operation. Based on the data collected from the investigations, subsurface soil within the central portion of the Site is impacted with metals. However, hardscape, structures, or at least 2-feet of clean soil in landscaped areas currently prevent exposure to impacted soils. Based on these current site conditions, the chemicals of concern (COCs) do not present a significant risk and no action would be required as long as the current or similar site conditions remain in place. While there are currently no development plans and there is no immediate health risk because the public is not exposed to the impacted soil, the DTSC recommended that the School prepare a draft RAW to ensure the integrity of current Site conditions.

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (NOE): As required by California Law, DTSC has performed a review of the proposed RAW in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Based on that review, DTSC has determined that the RAW will not have any significant adverse effects on public health or the environment. DTSC proposes to issue a CEQA Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE: DTSC encourages you to review and provide comments on the draft RAW during the Public Comment Period running from June 6, 2012 through July 6, 2012. DTSC will consider all comments before finalizing its decision to approve the draft RAW. All public comments must be postmarked or received by July 6, 2012. All comments should refer to the draft RAW and must be sent to the following:

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WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

The draft RAW and CEQA NOE are available at the New Roads School located at 3131 Olympic Blvd, Santa Monica, CA 90404, or visit our DTSC EnviroStor website at: <http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/map.asp>

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: If you have questions or would to discuss the draft RAW, please contact:

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