



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN
MIDDLE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

Public Comment Period: February 22, 2010 to March 22, 2010

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 Community College District's (LACCD) proposed Middle College High School site. This workplan describes the methane mitigation plan proposed to be installed during construction of the school. The 1.85-acre Site is located within the existing Los Angeles Southwest College campus located at 1600 West Imperial Highway. During site environmental investigations, low concentrations of methane and hydrogen sulfide, likely associated with the underlying Howard Townsite Oilfield and historical oil production activities, were detected in the soil. Based on the low levels detected, the potential for hazards to site occupants are extremely low. However, to account for unforeseen future changes in site conditions and as a conservative safety measure, DTSC recommended a RAW be prepared.

The DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The NOE states that the proposed cleanup will not have a significant negative impact on the human health and the environment.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

This notice is to provide the interested community an opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to the DTSC about the proposed cleanup during a thirty (30) day public comment period that starts on February 22, 2010, and ends on March 22, 2010.

Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the draft RAW may be submitted in writing to Christina FU, Project Participation Specialist, DTSC, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630, and must be postmarked by **March 22, 2010**.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft RAW and other project documents are available at the Middle College High School, 11750 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles; Washington Preparatory High School, 10860 South Denker Avenue, Los Angeles; and Mark Twain Branch Library, 9621 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles. Also, all site documents and the 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 for an appointment. Project documents can also be found at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the removal activities, please contact Christina Fu, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (714) 484-5488 or email: cfu@dtsc.ca.gov; or Aslam Shareef, DTSC Project Manager, at (714) 484-5308 or email: ashareef@dtsc.ca.gov. Media inquiries contact: Jeanne Garcia at (818) 717-6573 or email: jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov. For information on the DTSC, visit our web site: www.dtsc.ca.gov.

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