



Cleanup underway.

## Site Facts

**Site Name:**  
New Ramona Opportunity High School

**EnviroStor ID:**  
60000468

**Location:**  
Los Angeles, California

**Certification Date:**  
March 30, 2007

**Site Size:**  
1 Acre

**Historical Uses:**  
Residential

**Length of Investigation and Cleanup:**  
5 months

**Contaminants of Concern:**  
Lead and Dieldrin

**Redeveloped Use:**  
High School

**Classrooms Provided:**  
13 classrooms for 325 students



**State of California** Department of Toxic Substances Control

# School Revitalization

**SUCCESS STORY, April 2007**

## New Ramona Opportunity High School

The New Ramona Opportunity High School (ROHS) project is a collaboration between the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA). MTA's plan to complete construction of its Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension will encroach upon one acre of the existing ROHS site. The agreement between MTA and LAUSD allows MTA to move forward with its plan to extend the Gold Line by acquiring one acre of the existing ROHS and replacing it with the subject site for construction of a replacement school.

The ROHS serves pregnant teenage mothers, providing education programming for 240 special needs female high school students in grades 7-12 within LAUSD.

The one-acre project is located at the northeast corner of East Third Street and South Alma Avenue. Since 1894, nine residential parcels have occupied the site.

In November 2006, the Department of Toxic Substances Control's (DTSC's) School Program and Engineering/Geological Support Division entered into an agreement with MTA for oversight of the project for development and use of a high school. Soil sampling data were presented in a Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) Report. The PEA Report indicated soil at the site was impacted with lead and dieldrin at concentrations above DTSC screening levels. A cleanup plan was developed and implemented on an expedited time schedule.

The cleanup plan required the excavation and off-site disposal of approximately 340 tons (252 cubic yards) of lead and dieldrin impacted soils in February 2007. Results from confirmation sampling indicated that the site does not pose a significant threat to the health of students or staff at the future school. This cleanup facilitated MTA's plan to provide a replacement site for the ROHS and LAUSD's construction of 13 classrooms, administrative offices, a lunch shelter, a multi-purpose building, an infant care facility, a gymnasium, athletic fields, and 40 on-site parking spaces. The new school is scheduled to open in Fall 2008. The entire investigation and cleanup was completed within five months.



Removal of lead and dieldrin impacted soils.

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