



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR
THE PROPOSED STATEWIDE VARIANCE FOR
CALTRANS REUSE OF LEAD-CONTAMINATED SOILS
Statewide, Caltrans Districts 1 through 12**



Public Comments Period: April 30, 2009 to June 5, 2009

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is inviting public comment on the proposed decision to issue a variance from Hazardous Waste Control Law to allow reuse of lead-contaminated soil and waive disposal requirements for the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). The public comment period begins on **April 30, 2009 and ends on June 5, 2009**. In addition to the comment period, DTSC will hold public meetings at three locations in the state.

The meeting information:

Wednesday, May 6, 2009
5:30 p.m.
AC Bilbrew Library
150 E. El Segundo Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90061

Wednesday, May 13, 2009
6:00 p.m.
Caltrans District 3 Office
2800 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 100
Sacramento, California 95833

Wednesday, May 20, 2009
6:00 pm.
Caltrans District 6 Office
2015 E. Shields Avenue, Suite A-100
Fresno, California 93726

The proposed Variance would allow Caltrans to reuse soil that is contaminated with elevated concentrations of lead at projects throughout California. The contaminated soil exists along many freeway and highway corridors that are or will be undergoing maintenance, modification, or improvements. The contamination is a result of emissions from motor vehicles using leaded gasoline. The soil will be reused as road base or foundation for embankments during such road construction activities. The proposed Variance specifies steps that Caltrans must take to ensure that human health and the environment are protected. DTSC determined that the request for a variance meets the requirements of the California Health and Safety Code, section 25143. The statewide variance does not relieve Caltrans from compliance with any other regulations or requirements of other agencies which may be related to reuse of this material. A similar variance has been in effect for specific Caltrans Districts (4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, and 12) since the year 2000.

To comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC has prepared an Initial Study to evaluate potential environmental impacts that may result from the proposed Statewide Variance. DTSC has determined that issuing the Variance is unlikely to produce any significant impacts on public health or the environment. Therefore, DTSC is proposing a Negative Declaration for the Variance.

Information Repositories: Copies of the proposed Negative Declaration and Variance are available for public review at the information repositories listed below:

CALTRANS
District 6 Office
1352 West Olive Avenue
Fresno, California 93728
(559) 243-8234

DTSC
File Room
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, California 95826
(916) 255-3758 (Call for an appointment)

The public is invited to comment on the reuse of lead contaminated soil statewide during the public comment period which runs from **April 30, 2009 through June 5, 2009**. DTSC will carefully consider all public comments in making the final decision for the site. Written or emailed comments must be postmarked or received by **June 5, 2009**.

Contact Information: For general project information, contact Wayne Lorentzen, DTSC Project Manager, at (916) 255-3883, or email at WLorentz@dtsc.ca.gov. Public participation and community involvement information, contact Tammy Pickens, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (916) 255-3594, or email at TPickens@dtsc.ca.gov. Media inquiries, contact Claudia Loomis, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (916) 255-6578 or email at Cloomis@dtsc.ca.gov.

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