



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD, PUBLIC HEARING,
AND PUBLIC MEETING**
**On the Draft Phase I Closure Plan for the Sierra Army Depot
Open Burn/Open Detonation Units
Herlong, California**

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is announcing the availability of the draft Phase I Closure Plan for the Open Burn/Open Detonation (OB/OD) units at Sierra Army Depot (SIAD), located 55 miles northwest of Reno, Nevada in the town of Herlong, California. The OB/OD area at SIAD totals approximately 4000 acres, and has been in use since 1950. The units have been used to treat items such as outdated munitions, explosives, propellants, and munitions constituents through open burning and open detonation. The closure process will address the investigation and any necessary clean-up of contamination caused through OB/OD operations.

The draft Phase I Closure Plan of the OB/OD units will include a sweep of the area to locate and remove unexploded ordnance to protect human health and safety. Closure activities will also consist of field investigations intended to characterize the contamination that has potentially impacted the soils, seasonal creeks, sediments, and groundwater within the OB/OD area.

In addition to the public comment period, DTSC will hold a public hearing and meeting and invites members of the public to attend and comment on the draft Phase I Closure Plan. The public hearing and meeting will both be held on August 23, 2007 beginning at 6:00 p.m., with the public meeting conducted first followed immediately by the public hearing. The public hearing and meeting will take place at the **Skedaddle Inn, Building 144 Susanville Road, Herlong, California.**

The 30-day public comment period begins on August 1, 2007 and ends on August 31, 2007. All comments received during the public comment period and at the public hearing will be carefully considered before a final decision is made on the draft Phase I Closure Plan. All those who comment will receive a copy of DTSC's Response to Comments. Written comments should be sent no later than August 31, 2007 to: **Lorraine Larsen-Hallock, DTSC Project Manager, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826.** Comments submitted by email should be sent to llarsenh@dtsc.ca.gov no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 31, 2007.

The draft Phase I Closure Plan is available for review at the following locations:

Herlong Library
2067 California Street
Herlong, California 96113
(530) 827-2073

Susanville Library
1618 Main Street
Susanville, California 96130
(530) 251-8127

Washoe County Main Library
301 South Center Street
Reno, Nevada 89505
(775) 327-8300

Department of Toxic Substances Control
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, California 95826
(916) 255-3758

Online at: http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/omf/projects/sierra_army_depot.cfm

For more information about the draft Phase I Closure plan, you may contact Lorraine Larsen-Hallock, DTSC Project Manager, at (916) 255-3578 or email her at LLarsenh@dtsc.ca.gov. For more information about the public participation process, you may contact Marcus Simpson, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (916) 255-6683 (toll free at 1-866-495-5651) or email him at MSimpson@dtsc.ca.gov. Please direct media inquiries to Ron Baker, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (916) 324-3142 or email him at RBaker@dtsc.ca.gov.