



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD TIME CRITICAL REMOVAL ACTION NORTH ANTENNA FIELD Novato, California



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: MAY 17 TO JUNE 15, 2010

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED? The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) opens a new public comment period on the draft California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Mitigated Negative Declaration for the North Antenna Field time critical removal action. The North Antenna Field is a portion of the former Hamilton Army Air Field. Based on public comments received regarding the earlier draft Negative Declaration for the same project, DTSC has decided to modify the draft Negative Declaration to become a draft Mitigated Negative Declaration.

During previous investigations, soils contaminated with lead and dioxins were detected in soil samples at levels that may pose a health risk. The time critical removal action will remove soil with elevated levels of lead, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, petroleum hydrocarbons, and dioxins. Soil that cannot be reused will be disposed at an appropriately permitted landfill.

Based on the chemical concentrations and the recreational use of the land, it has been determined that the contamination at the site poses an imminent threat to human health. Excavation activities are planned to reduce the threat to recreational users. The removal is time critical because recreational users continue to visit the area and the concentrations of lead in soil pose a threat to their health.

DTSC has prepared a draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for this soil removal under CEQA.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE? This notice provides the community an opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to DTSC about the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration during the public comment period. Comments concerning the draft Negative Declaration may be sent in writing to Jonathan Largent, Project Manager, DTSC, 700 Heinz Street, Suite 200, Berkeley, California 94710, or to his e-mail address: JLargent@dtsc.ca.gov and can be sent **through June 15, 2010**.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION? A copy of the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, and other project documents are available at the Novato Public Library, 6 Hamilton Landing, Suite 140A, Novato California, 94949, and the DTSC file room at the address listed above. For more information, please visit our website at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov. Type in "Novato" for the city and click on "get report." Please click on the Hamilton AAF North Antenna Field for the site information.

CONTACTS: Nathan Schumacher, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, 1-866-495-5651, press # 1, then press # 5, or (916) 255-3650, or e-mail at NSchumac@dtsc.ca.gov. Jonathan Largent, DTSC Project Manager, can be reached at (510) 540-3826. If you are from the news media, please contact Kam Coveyou, DTSC Public Information/Media (916) 324-8304 or kcoveyou@dtsc.ca.gov