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**Removal of Contaminated Soil at Pier 92 Scheduled
DTSC Approves Work Plan**

Berkeley --- The State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced approval of a work plan to safely remove, transport out of state and dispose of approximately 15,000 cubic yards of lead contaminated soil and debris located at Pier 92-Port of San Francisco (The Port). The soil pile is located on approximately 2 acres on Amador Street, south of Pier 92's Fish Meal Building. Under the work plan, removal of the contaminated soil is scheduled to start today.

"The work plan assures that public health and safety, and the environment will be protected. The work plan includes strict dust control measures and minimizes disruptions to the neighborhood by requiring work to occur after hours," said Ed Lowry DTSC Director. "DTSC was initially notified of the waste pile via a citizen complaint. We have been working with the Port of San Francisco, which owns the site, and local authorities to resolve the issue. Our approval of the work plan does not rule out any potential enforcement actions", Lowry added

Removal activities, will occur from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. on weekdays and weekends, (excluding holidays), with completion expected in January 2003. Crews will load the soil into covered railcars at Pier 92 for transportation to the ECDC Environmental L.S., Sanitary Landfill in East Carbon City, Utah for disposal.

In the early 1990's the Port leased a portion of land on Pier 92 to Bay Area Tank & Marine Corporation (BATM), a company that provided underground storage tank removal services and other soil remedial activities. BATM used the site to bioremediate petroleum-contaminated soil which was categorized as non-hazardous. Soils transported to the site for bioremediation came from BATM tank removals, and from various excavation activities conducted by the City of San Francisco, the East Bay Municipal Utility District and possibly others. The soil pile sits atop asphalt.

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In 1996, BATM filed for bankruptcy, leaving the Port in possession of the remaining soil. Sampling activities conducted on the soil after 1996 by the Port of San Francisco and related entities, found soluble lead above hazardous waste levels.

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