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**San Diego Site Marks Department of Toxic Substances Control's
1,000th Environmental School Review**

San Diego --- Officials from the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and the San Diego City Schools (SDCS) will mark the 1,000th environmental review submittal to DTSC's School Property Evaluation and Cleanup Division during a press conference scheduled for Wednesday. The SDCS is making the submittal as part of its package regarding the proposed school site for the new Mead Elementary School.

The Mead Elementary School will relieve overcrowding at the Chollas Elementary School located at 545 45th Street. The six-acre proposed school site has remained fallow since residential structures were demolished in 1966 during construction of Interstate 805.

Date: Wednesday, October 30, 2002

Time: 2:00 p.m.

**Location: Chollas Elementary School
545 45th Street
San Diego, CA**

Special Instructions: Parking has been arranged directly across from the street from the school library in the teacher's parking lot. Please check in at the school administrative building before proceeding to classroom 32.

The following officials have been invited to the presentation: Senator Dede Alpert, Senator Steve Peace, Senator Jack O'Connell, Assemblyman Juan Vargas, San Diego City School District Superintendent Alan Bersin, Chollas Elementary School Principal Michael Lazard, City Councilmember George Stevens, Encanto Planning Committee Chair Derryl Williams, and San Diego City School District Board Members.

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