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**State Senator Escutia and Director Lowry Hold Media
Availability**

SACRAMENTO- - As part of Earth Day activities at the Joe Serna Cal-EPA building, State Senator Martha Escutia (Whittier) and Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Director Ed Lowry will hold a 10:15 a.m. press availability to release an informational report which summarizes efforts over the past two years to ensure that all state funded school sites are environmentally safe.

California is the only state in the nation that requires environmental assessments before local school districts may receive funding to build new or expand existing school sites. The twelve-page report summarizes a formal report prepared by DTSC for the California Legislature.

The media availability will be held:

Date: April 22, 2002 "Earth Day"

Time: 10:15 a.m.

**Location: Cal EPA Media Room, 1st Floor
Joe Serna - Cal EPA Building 1001 "I" Street
Sacramento CA**

Refreshments will be provided for media.

Please RSVP.

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control's mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.

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"The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Web-site at www.dtsc.ca.gov."