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**East Bay Habitat for Humanity to Receive \$425,000 for Environmental
Cleanup Project to Build Homes in East Oakland**

Berkeley --- Officials from the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) and the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will present a symbolic check for \$425,000 to East Bay Habitat for Humanity. The funds, to be presented by Cal/EPA Agency Secretary Winston Hickox and DTSC Director Ed Lowry, will be used for the environmental cleanup of a two-acre site that will soon become home to up to 25 families in East Oakland.

The check, issued by DTSC's Cleanup Loans and Environmental Assistance to Neighborhoods (CLEAN) Program, represents a low interest loan that will be used to excavate and remove contaminated soils and clean up the site to appropriate residential levels.

Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2002
Time: Noon
Location: East Bay Habitat for Humanity Site
10900 Edes Avenue
(near the intersection of 105th Avenue)
Oakland, CA

The following elected officials have been invited to the presentation: Congresswoman Barbara Lee, Senator Don Perata, Assembly Member Wilma Chan, Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown, Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley, and Oakland City Council Member Larry Reid.

Directions to event: Take interstate 880 south past the Oakland Coliseum and exit on 98th Avenue. Go east on 98th Avenue for approximately ½ mile and turn right on Edes Avenue. Proceed on Edes Avenue, just past 105th Avenue, and the site is located on the left.

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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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