



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND COMMENT PERIOD

REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN
PROPOSED CENTRAL LOS ANGELES NEW LEARNING CENTER NO. 1
(Ambassador Hotel Site)
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: October 18 – November 16, 2002

PUBLIC MEETING: November 7, 2002, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Geneva Hall
3300 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan for the Los Angeles Unified School District's Proposed Central Los Angeles New Learning Center No. 1 Site (also known as the Ambassador Hotel Site). The site is located at 3400 Wilshire Blvd. in Los Angeles. This workplan addresses the removal and offsite disposal of approximately 1,329 cubic yards of petroleum and lead-contaminated soil from the proposed school site, and the reabandonment (resealing) of an abandoned exploratory corehole onsite where methane was detected in soil gas. During the site investigation, total petroleum hydrocarbons (such as gasoline components), volatile organic compounds (organic liquids found in petroleum products), and lead were detected in soils at concentrations that exceed DTSC health risk levels. LAUSD proposes to remove the contaminated soil and transport it to a permitted offsite disposal facility. The contaminated soil generally exists no deeper than 1 foot below ground in one area, and 22 to 25 feet below ground in the underground storage tank area. Methane was also detected in soil gas at levels that exceed the DTSC action level for schools near the exploratory corehole. DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption for the project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The project is considered exempt since it will not have a significant impact on the environment because of the relatively short duration and the controlled manner in which the contaminated soils will be excavated, loaded onto trucks, and taken off-site for disposal/treatment.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

The purpose of this notice is to provide the interested public the opportunity to learn more about the project and to provide comments to DTSC concerning the proposed removal action workplan. Your participation is encouraged. A public meeting to discuss this project will be held on Nov. 7, 2002, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Immanuel Presbyterian Church. Comments must be provided within 30 days of this notice. Written comments concerning the draft Removal Action Workplan may be submitted to Laura Zaremba, Project Manager, DTSC, 1011 N. Grandview Ave., Glendale, CA 91201. Comments should be postmarked by Nov. 16, 2002.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft Removal Action Workplan and other project documents are available at the Felipe de Neve Branch Library at 2820 W. Sixth Street, Los Angeles; the Memorial Branch Public Library, 4625 W. Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles; and at the Virgil Middle School Administration Office, 152 N. Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles. Additionally, all site documents and the full Administrative Record pertaining to this project are available for review during office hours at the DTSC Regional Records Office in Glendale, at the DTSC address listed above. Records contact: Jone Barrio at (818) 551-2886.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions regarding the Removal Action Workplan or meeting room accessibility, please contact Ms. Treva Miller, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (818) 551-2846. *Si desea información en español, comuníquese con el Sr. Eloy Florez al (818) 551-2875.*

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