



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Draft Removal Action Workplan For The New Aspire Charter High School Is Available For Review Oakland, California



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: November 13, 2006 through December 12, 2006

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

The Aspire Public School (Aspire) plans to build a new charter high school (Site) located at 1009 66th Avenue, Oakland, California. The new school will accommodate 420 students and provide 21 classrooms, including chemistry laboratories, and basketball courts. The new school will be used by the families moving into the new residential development to the north and east of the proposed school Site.

The 2.5-acre Site was previously used for manufacturing and warehousing. From 1948 until 2001, Pacific Electric Motor Company occupied the Site. The company conducted electric motor manufacturing and repair operations at the Site including manufacturing of specialty magnets, power supplies, and components used in repairing and rebuilding of motors, generators, transformers, and specialty magnets. Sometime after 2001, the Bay Area Powder Coatings owned the Site until 2005, and subleased a portion of the property to Landeros Iron Works. Landeros Iron Works currently occupies and operates on the Site and its primary operations are welding and metal structure fabrication.

The Aspire Public School prepared a draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) that describes the investigation, contamination found, and the proposed activities for cleanup of the site, to be completed prior to school construction.

The Draft RAW proposes removal and off-site disposal of approximately 8,200 cubic yards (640 truckloads) of soil containing gasoline, diesel, motor oil, semivolatile organic compounds/polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (SVOCs/PAHs), volatile organic compounds (VOCs), arsenic, lead, chrysene, naphthalene, chromium VI, and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) at the proposed Site.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT - NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

DTSC evaluated any possible impacts of the removal action for this project, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act. DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) which states that this removal action will not have significant impacts on the environment. The draft NOE is available for public review, along with other supporting documents.

WHY THIS NOTICE?

The purpose of this notice is to provide you with the opportunity to learn more about the project and to provide comments to DTSC, concerning the proposed soil removal action, within thirty (30) days of this notice.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the Draft RAW may be submitted in writing to Mr. Michael Hall, DTSC Project Manager, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826, or email: Mhall@dtsc.ca.gov. All mail must be postmarked by 5 PM on December 12, 2006. Emailed comments must be received by DTSC no later than 5 PM on the same date.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the Draft RAW and NOE are available for review in the Information Repositories located at Aspire Public Schools 426 17th Street, Suite 200, Oakland, CA 94612, Oakland Unified School District, 955 High Street, Oakland, CA 94601, Oakland Fire Department Station, 1016 66th Avenue, Oakland, CA 94621, or Department of Toxic Substances Control, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Mr. Michael Hall, DTSC Project Manager, at (916) 2556422 or by e-mail to Mhall@dtsc.ca.gov. For public participation activities, please contact Ms. Kim Rhodes, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (916) 255-3651 or by e-mail to Krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov. Members of the media should contact Ms. Angela Blanchette, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (510) 540-3732 or by email to Ablanche@dtsc.ca.gov.