



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN PROPOSED EAST VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL NO. 1 North Hollywood, California

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Dec. 20, 2002 – Feb. 19, 2003

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 East Valley Middle School No. 1. The proposed school site is approximately 10 acres and is located in North Hollywood. The proposed school site is generally bounded by Kittridge Street on the north, Laurel Canyon Boulevard on the east, Hamlin Street on the south, and Saint Clair Avenue on the west. The site does not include residential properties adjacent to Bellingham or Saint Clair avenues. During the site investigation compounds used as hydraulic oil additives were found in concentrations that exceed DTSC health risk levels in one soil sample near a former underground hydraulic hoist at the Sears Auto Center. Approximately 3 cubic yards of contaminated soil will be removed and sent to a permitted offsite disposal facility. The removal work is estimated to take less than one week to complete. DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. The NOE document states that the project will not have a significant negative effect on the environment because of the relatively small volume, short project duration, and the controlled manner in which contaminated soils will be excavated, loaded onto trucks and taken offsite for disposal/treatment.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

The purpose of this notice is to provide the public with the opportunity to learn more about the project and to provide comments to DTSC, about the proposed soil removal action, within 60 days of this notice. Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the draft Removal Action Workplan may be submitted in writing to Ms. Jennifer Jones, Project Manager, DTSC, 1011 N. Grandview Ave., Glendale, CA 91201. Comments must be postmarked by Feb. 19, 2003.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft Removal Action Workplan and other project documents are available at the Victory Elementary School, 6315 Radford Avenue, North Hollywood, CA 91605. Also, all site documents and the full Administrative Record for 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. For more information about the DTSC, please visit our website at www.dtsc.ca.gov.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact 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.* LAUSD Contact: Tom Davis, Project Manager, LAUSD Office of Environmental Health and Safety, (213) 633-8258. *Si desea información en español, comuníquese con el Sr. Frank Gonzalez, Oficina de Alcance a la Comunidad del LAUSD (LAUSD Community Outreach Office), al (213) 633-3883.*