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Environmental Conditions Update for Germain Street Elementary School

Dear Community Member:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control recently sent you a fact sheet regarding the detection of hydrogen sulfide (H_2S) in the bungalow area of Germain Street Elementary School. H_2S was discovered while contractors were trenching for utility lines near the YMCA bungalow. As a precaution, DTSC requested that the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) relocate the YMCA students to another classroom until the H_2S was investigated.

Since the H_2S discovery in two extraction wells, EW1 and EW-2 (See Figure), LAUSD has conducted daily monitoring of the crawl spaces and air surrounding the bungalows for H_2S and methane. The daily sampling results indicate neither H_2S nor methane is present.

As an additional measure, LAUSD extracted the H_2S affected air from the soil and installed six more extraction and monitoring wells for the evaluation of methane and H_2S . Additional subsurface soil gas sampling indicated H_2S was not present. Therefore, there is **no** immediate health risk at the school site.

LAUSD will continue monitoring for H_2S and methane to help determine if mitigation for H_2S is necessary. Daily monitoring of the bungalows, ambient air, and crawl spaces will also continue until further notice.

LAUSD is currently working on revising the Removal Action Workplan (RAW) to address the recently discovered H_2S and methane. The RAW will also include a contingency plan, Operation and Maintenance Plan, sampling schedule, and additional mitigation measures for the H_2S , if necessary. The revised RAW will be presented for public review and comment at a later date.

DTSC will continue to update the community and provide information about the environmental investigation, and a public meeting will be scheduled for a later date for the revised RAW.

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If you have any questions about the environmental activities, please contact Mr. Aldo Chaney, DTSC Project Manager, at (818) 551-2972, or me at (818) 551-2172.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Figure

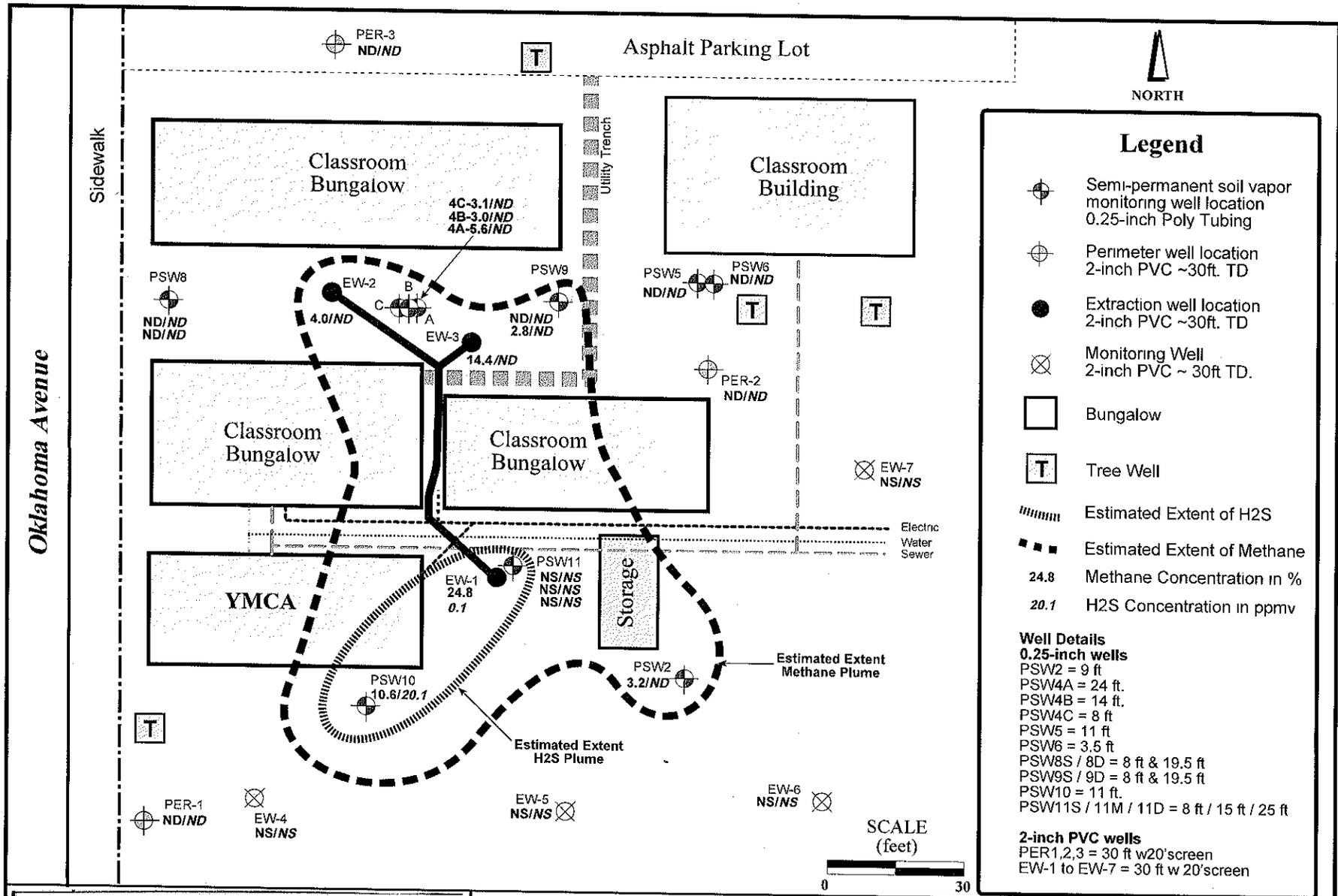
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H2S Found in EWs 1 and 3

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SITE
 SUMMARY MAP
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Figure
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