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The Draft Removal Action Workplan For The Eureka Educational Resource Center Is Available For Your Review

The Humboldt County Office of Education plans to construct a new Educational Resource Center located at 665 Myrtle Avenue, Eureka, California. (See site map on page 2 of this fact sheet.) The proposed new Educational Resource Center will consist of a 6,500 square foot building including three classrooms, a multi-activity room, staff offices, and conference/assessment rooms. The Site is planned to house up to 75 students in grades 7-12.

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is a part of the California Environmental Protection Agency. DTSC oversees soil and groundwater investigations at proposed new or expanding school sites, and evaluates sites for potential hazardous materials or contamination that may pose a risk to school children, the staff or faculty. If contamination is found, DTSC oversees the cleanup of the property.

During an investigation of the proposed school property, elevated levels of lead-based paint residue was found in the soil. The Humboldt County Office of Education has submitted a draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) to DTSC for review and approval. The Draft RAW describes the investigation, the contamination found, and the proposed activities for clean up the site. The Draft RAW for the Educational Resource Center is available for your review and comment at the information repositories listed on page 4 of this fact sheet.

This fact sheet provides you information about:

- Site History and Background
- Investigation Findings
- Summary of the Draft Removal Action Workplan
- California Environmental Quality Act
- Next Steps for Cleanup

Public Comment Period

We encourage you to review and comment on the draft RAW. DTSC will hold a 30-day public comment period beginning November 8, 2006 and ending on December 7, 2006. All e-mailed comments must be sent to the Department no later than 5 p.m. on December 7, 2006. Mail written comments to:

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Site History and Background

The Site was originally developed before the 1900s for residential purposes. Single-family and multi-family residences occupied the Site from the 1900s to 1999. The single-family residences were used for light commercial purposes from 1954 through 1975. The Cottage Beauty Shop and, subsequently, the Orchard Beauty Salon, occupied one of the former residential buildings for various years between 1954 and 1975. One of the former residential buildings on the Site housed the Eureka Toddler Center and Humboldt Child Care Center from 1981 through 1999. The Site is currently undeveloped.

Investigation Findings

Site investigations were conducted between March 2005 and April 2006. During the investigations lead-based paint residue levels was found.

The total volume of impacted soil is estimated to be approximately 725 cubic yards (38-45 truckloads). The chart below lists the chemical, likely source, maximum level detected, and the DTSC required cleanup level.

Chemical of Concern	Likely Source of Chemical	Maximum Detected Level	DTSC Cleanup Level
Lead	Lead-based paint flaking from former structures	1500 ppm	255 ppm
ppm – parts per million			

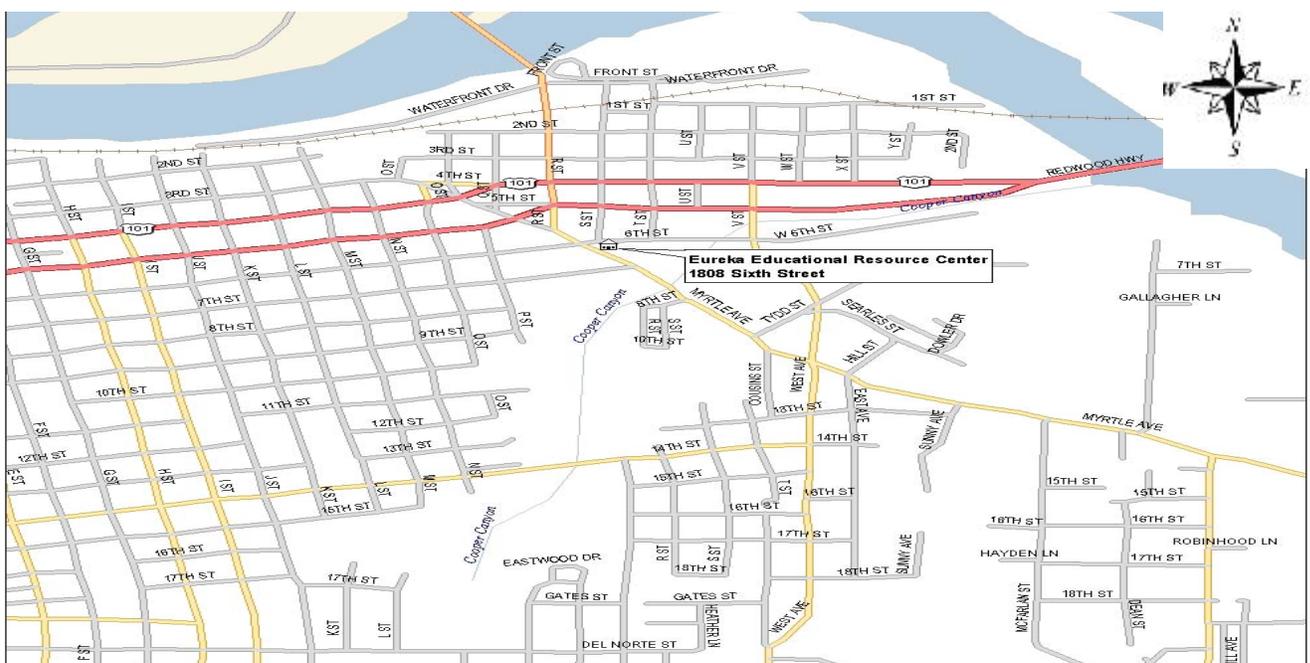
Draft Removal Action Workplan

The draft RAW evaluates cleanup alternatives and identifies preferred alternatives for the proposed removal action that would prevent or reduce potential risks to public health and the environment. The draft RAW summarizes previous investigations and outlines available cleanup alternatives. Cleanup alternatives are screened and evaluated on the basis of their effectiveness, ability to be implemented and cost.

DTSC will review and consider comments received during the 30-day public comment period before making a final decision to approve, modify or disapprove the selected cleanup alternative.

Summary of Proposed Draft Removal Action Workplan

The proposed removal action includes excavation and removal of surface soils to a depth of 10 inches across an area approximately 120 feet x 180 feet on the northern and western portions of the site. Select areas will be excavated to 14 inches below ground surface. The excavated soil will be sent to a proper disposal facility and the excavated area filled with clean soil.



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If the plan is approved, you may expect to see the following removal activities at the Site:

- Large equipment, such as excavators and backhoes, will be used to excavate and stockpile approximately 725 cubic yards (approximately 38-45 truckloads) of contaminated soils;
- Stockpiled soils will be temporarily placed on heavy plastic sheeting at the Site until loaded on trucks;
- During Site activities, soils will be lightly sprayed with water from water trucks to reduce or prevent dust;
- Air monitoring will take place to protect workers; and
- Field work activities will take approximately six weeks to complete.

Truck Route

Approximately 38-45 trucks will transport the contaminated soils to a State-licensed disposal facility. The trucks will be operated by a licensed hazardous waste trucking contractor and will travel between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Trucks exiting the site will:

- Turn left onto 6th Street, right on Myrtle Avenue, and left onto Highway 101 South;



Example of an Excavator

- From Highway 101, merge onto I-580 East towards Richmond Bridge, which turns into I-5; and
- From I-5, the trucks will travel to the appropriate licensed landfill facility to dispose of the contaminated soils.

Dust suppression

Dust control measures, including water spraying, will reduce dust during the cleanup activities. Air and dust monitoring will be conducted and work stopped and corrective actions taken, if acceptable levels are exceeded. Before leaving the Site, truck tires will be cleaned.

Photo of soil sampling being conducted at the Site



Public Access

The area is fenced and there is restricted public access and no pedestrian traffic in the areas where removal action will take place.

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 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 in the information repositories.

Next steps

If comments are received by the community, DTSC will prepare a "Response to Comments" at the completion of the 30-day public comment period. Anyone who submits comments regarding the proposed cleanup activities will receive a copy of the "Response to Comments." Additionally, a copy of the "Response to Comments" will be placed in the information repositories. If comments are not received, DTSC will approve the RAW and it will be implemented mid-March 2007 as specified in the draft RAW.

For more information

Please contact any of the following individuals with any questions or concerns you may have about this project.

For questions regarding the draft RAW, please contact Mr. Jose Luevano, DTSC Project Manager, at (916) 255-3577 or by e-mail to Jluevano@dtsc.ca.gov.

For questions regarding the public participation process, please contact Ms. Kim Rhodes, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, toll-free (866) 495-5651 or (916) 255-3651 or by e-mail to Krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov.

For questions from the media, please contact Mr. Ron Baker, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (916) 324-3142 or by e-mail to Rbaker@dtsc.ca.gov.

Information Repositories

The draft RAW, NOE, and other related documents may be viewed at the following location:

Humboldt County Office of Education
901 Myrtle Avenue
Eureka, CA 95501
(707) 445-7000

Eureka Main Library
1313 3rd Street
Eureka, CA 95501
(707) 269-1900

Department of Toxic Substances Control
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, California 95826
File Room:
By appointment only (916) 255-3758

Notice to the Hearing Impaired Individuals

TDD users can use the California Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 and ask to speak with Ms. Kim Rhodes at (916) 255-3651.

Anuncio

Si prefiere hablar con alguien en español acerca de esta información, favor de llamar a Jesus Cruz, Especialista en Participación Pública del Departamento de Control de Substancias Tóxicas. El número de teléfono es (866) 495-5651 or (916) 255-3315.

If you would like more information regarding the Eureka Educational Resource Center, please visit the DTSC website: http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=60000101