



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Draft Removal Action Workplan For The Eureka Education Resource Center Is Available For Review Eureka, California



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: November 8, 2006 through December 7, 2006

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

The Humboldt County Office of Education plans to construct a new Educational Resource Center located at 665 Myrtle Avenue, Eureka, California. 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 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.

The Humboldt County Office of Education has 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 725 cubic yards (38-45 truckloads) of soil containing lead-based paint residue 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. Jose Luevano, DTSC Project Manager, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826, or email: Jluevano@dtsc.ca.gov. All mail must be postmarked by 5 PM on December 7, 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 Humboldt County Office of Education, 901 Myrtle Avenue, Eureka, California 95501, or Eureka Main Library, 1313 3rd Street, Eureka, California 95501, 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. Jose Luevano, DTSC Project Manager, at (916) 255-3577 or by e-mail to Jluevano@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 Mr. Ron Baker, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (916) 324-3142 or by email to Rbaker@dtsc.ca.gov.