NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND MEETING

DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN
FORMER GTE PROPERTY PROPOSED SCHOOL SITE
SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: June 2, 2004 – July 1, 2004
OPEN HOUSE: June 24, 2004, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Alvarado Elementary School Auditorium
1900 E. 21st Street, Signal Hill, CA 90755

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the Long Beach Unified School District's (LBUSD) Former GTE Property Proposed School Site. This workplan addresses the removal and offsite disposal of approximately 3,400 cubic yards (5,100 tons) of soil from the proposed site. The site is located at 1777 and 1778 East 20th Street in Signal Hill, California. During the site investigation at the 1778 East 20th Street property, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH), hydrogen sulfide and arsenic in soils were detected in concentrations exceeding DTSC health risk levels for school sites. Elevated levels of total petroleum hydrocarbons (chemicals in fuels) and methane were also detected. Therefore, LBUSD proposes to remove the contaminated soil and transport it to permitted offsite disposal facilities. LBUSD also proposes to install a passive venting system for methane mitigation. DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This project is considered exempt since it will not have a significant negative impact on the human health and the environment because of the relatively short duration and the controlled manner in which the contaminated soils will be excavated, loaded onto trucks and taken off-site for disposal/treatment.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

This notice is to provide the interested community the opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to DTSC about the proposed mitigation during the thirty (30) days public comment period that starts on June 2 and ends on July 1, 2004. Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the draft RAW may be given at the public meeting or submitted in writing to Mr. Rao Akula, Project Manager, at the DTSC address listed below, and must be postmarked by July 1, 2004. The open house will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on June 24, 2004, at the Alvarado Elementary School Auditorium, 1900 E. 21st Street, Signal Hill, CA 90755.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft RAW and other project documents are available at the Signal Hill Library, 1770 E. Hill Street, Signal Hill. Also, all site documents and the full Administrative Record pertaining to this project are available for review during office hours at the DTSC Regional Records Office, 1011 N. Grandview Avenue, Glendale, CA 91201. Contact: Jone Barrio at (818) 551-2886.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Ms. Maya Akula, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (818) 551-2917 or email: makula@dtsc.ca.gov. *Si desea información en español, comuníquese con el: Sr. Javier Hinojosa, Jefe de Unidad Escolar del DTSC, al (818) 551-2172.*