



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN GEORGE W. BATTLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: October 14 to November 13, 2003

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan for Santa Maria-Bonita School District's (SMBSD) George W. Battles Elementary School. The school is located at 605 E. Battles Road, Santa Maria, CA 93454.

An environmental investigation was conducted at the school under the oversight of the DTSC, a branch of the California Environmental Protection Agency. During the investigation a pesticide known as dieldrin was detected in soil samples in two areas on the campus. The pesticide levels found in the soil pose no immediate health risk. The draft Removal Action Workplan proposes that contaminated soil will be removed and transported to a permitted offsite disposal facility. DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. The NOE 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 public has the opportunity to submit comments to DTSC, concerning the proposed soil removal action, within 30 days of this notice. Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the draft Removal Action Workplan may be submitted in writing by November 13, 2003 to: Ms. Laura Zaremba, Project Manager, DTSC, 1011 N. Grandview Ave., Glendale, CA 91201, or Lzaremba@dtsc.ca.gov.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft Removal Action Workplan and other project documents are available at three Santa Maria locations: Santa Maria Public Library, 420 S. Broadway; Souza Student Support Center, 708 S. Miller Street; and George Battles Elementary School, (see address above). 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 call Treva Miller, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (818) 551-2846, or Tmiller@dtsc.ca.gov. *Si desea información en español, comuníquese con: Eloy Florez, Especialista en Participación Pública de el DTSC, al (818) 551-2875.* SMBSD Contact: Maggie White, Public Information Officer, (805) 361-8113.