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Gratts Elementary School

COMMUNITY ADVISORY

*It is DTSC's
mission to protect
public health
and the
environment
from harmful
exposure to
hazardous
substances.*

Environmental Investigation Activities Continue At Gratts Elementary School

The Los Angeles Unified School District will be collecting supplemental soil samples at Gratts Elementary School to further assess the extent of residual chemicals in the school's subsurface soil. The California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA), Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is continuing to oversee the Remedial investigation of environmental conditions at, and adjacent to the school.

This process will involve collecting additional soil samples at the school and along the 3rd Street sidewalk. Permitting activities with the City of Los Angeles to drill along the 3rd Street sidewalk will take approximately one month. We anticipate that the soil sampling, both offsite and at the school, will begin during the month of October 2001, and will be completed by November 2001.

Drilling activities on the school site will occur during several weekends when there are no students or teachers on campus. The sampling along the 3rd Street sidewalk will take one day to complete, and may occur either during a weekday or on a weekend. Street parking may be restricted near the sampling locations during the day of drilling.

Thank you for your patience while this important work is under way. We are committed to ensuring the safety of the students, faculty and staff and ensuring that the impacts on the neighborhood will be minimal during this investigation. As a result of the additional soil sampling, the final Remedial Investigation Report and previously planned public meeting to announce the findings will be delayed until the results of the supplemental sampling can be analyzed. Please contact one of the persons listed below if you have questions or concerns:

- Treva Miller, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, (818) 551-2846
- Susan Flakus, CDM Deputy Program Manager, LAUSD Office of Environmental Health & Safety, (213) 633-7539
- Si desea información en español, comuníquese con: Eloy Florez, Especialista en Participación Pública de el DTSC, al (818) 551-2875

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