

# Public Notice

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances through the restoration of contaminated resources, enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.

## NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON THE DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN FOR GRATTS LEARNING ACADEMY FOR YOUNG SCHOLARS, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

### What Is Being Proposed?

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites the public to review and comment on a proposed plan called a draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW), to clean up groundwater contaminated with petroleum products and industrial solvents at the Gratts Learning Academy for Young Scholars (Site) located at 309 Lucas Avenue, Los Angeles, California. Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a Notice of Exemption (NOE) has been prepared for this Site. This Site is considered exempt because the proposed cleanup activities will not have significant environmental effects. There is no immediate risk to school students, staff, or the community. Additionally, the groundwater beneath the school property is not a source of drinking water for the school or the community.

Before Gratts Learning Academy for Young Scholars was built in 1995, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) conducted environmental studies on the property. The studies showed that the soil and groundwater under a portion of the property contained petroleum products and industrial solvents from historical commercial operations that included a taxi garage, auto body paint shop and maintenance facility. When the school was built, the LAUSD installed a cleanup system to remove contamination from soil and groundwater. Additionally, a barrier was installed beneath school buildings to prevent solvent vapors from entering buildings. The treatment system has successfully reduced the groundwater contamination. However, the reduction is not consistent and additional measures need to be taken to increase rate of the degradation of contaminants. DTSC recommended that the LAUSD study additional options. These are presented in the draft RAW. The LAUSD is proposing and recommending natural degradation through a method called "enhanced reductive dechlorination with bioaugmentation" that involves the injection of bacteria to increase the degradation of contaminants in groundwater while monitoring.

### How do I Participate?

This notice provides the public an opportunity to learn more about the site and submit public comments on the draft RAW. The 30-day public comment period begins **January 17, 2013 and ends February 19, 2013. Public comments must be postmarked or e-mailed no later than February 19, 2013, and sent to: Ivy Osornio, DTSC Project Manager, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress CA 90630-4732, E-mail [IOsornio@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:IOsornio@dtsc.ca.gov).**

At the end of the public comment period, DTSC will review, consider and respond to public comments received.

## Where Do I Get More Information?

The draft RAW and related documents are available at the following locations:

### Department of Toxic Substances Control

Regional Records Office  
5796 Corporate Avenue  
Cypress, CA 90630-4732  
Telephone: (714) 484-5337  
(Please contact Ms. Julie Johnson for an appointment  
if viewing documents at DTSC)

### Los Angeles Unified School District

Office of Environmental Health & Safety  
333 South Beaudry Avenue, 28th Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90017  
Telephone: (213) 241-3199  
Email: [environmental\\_review@lausd-oehs.org](mailto:environmental_review@lausd-oehs.org)

### Gratts Learning Academy for Young Scholars

309 Lucas Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90017  
Telephone: (213) 250-2932

### Echo Park Branch Library

1410 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90026  
Telephone: (213) 250-7808

## Who to Contact For More Information:

Site documents are also available at DTSC's Envirostor website at: <http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov>

If you have questions or would to discuss the draft RAW, please contact Ivy Osornio, DTSC Project Manager, at (714) 484-5433, [IOsornio@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:IOsornio@dtsc.ca.gov) or Jacqueline Martinez, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (714) 484-5338, [JMartine@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:JMartine@dtsc.ca.gov).

Notice to Hearing Impaired: You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 (TDD) or send a request to contact Jacqueline Martinez, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at the number above regarding the Gratts Academy for Young Scholars Site.