



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND OPEN HOUSE

### DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN PROPOSED HILL/REDONDO SCHOOL SITE LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** June 23, 2003 to July 22, 2003

**OPEN HOUSE:** July 10, 2003, 6 PM - 8 PM

Buffum Elementary School Auditorium

2350 Ximeno Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90815

#### 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) Proposed Hill/Redondo School Site. This workplan addresses the removal and offsite disposal of approximately 1,340 cubic yards (2,000 tons) of soil from the proposed site. The proposed site is located at 3230 East Hill Street at the southwestern corner of Hill Street and Redondo Avenue in Long Beach. During the site investigation, arsenic, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), total petroleum hydrocarbons, methane, and lead were detected in the soil in concentrations exceeding DTSC health risk levels and/or standards for school sites. Therefore, LBUSD proposes to remove the contaminated soil and transport it 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 (CEQA). This project is considered exempt since it will not have a significant negative impact on 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 soil removal action during the thirty (30) day public comment period which starts on June 23, 2003 and ends on July 22, 2003. Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the draft RAW and NOE may be given at the Open House or submitted in writing to Mr. Rao Akula, Project Manager, at the DTSC address listed below, and must be postmarked by **July 22, 2003**.

The Open House will be held on Thursday, July 10, 2003, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Buffum Elementary School Auditorium, 2350 Ximeno Avenue, Long Beach, California 90815.

#### WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft RAW and other project documents are available at the Brewitt Neighborhood Library, 4036 E. Anaheim St., Long Beach. 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](mailto:makula@dtsc.ca.gov). Si desea información en español, comuníquese con el Sr. Eloy Florez al (818) 551-2875.

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