

Fact Sheet
Sept 2003

Proposed Laura G. Rodriguez (a.k.a King/Logan/Perkins) Elementary School San Diego, California



DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC
SUBSTANCES CONTROL

Seeking your comments on the Plan to Cleanup the Proposed School Site

DTSC is one of six Boards and Departments within the California Environmental Protection Agency. The Department's mission is to restore, protect and enhance the environment, to ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality, by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.

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INTRODUCTION

The San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) is proposing to build a new school, Laura G. Rodriguez (a.k.a. Proposed King/Logan/Perkins) Elementary School (Site).

SDUSD conducted environmental investigations at the site. Results of the investigations indicated that 1) arsenic was detected in soil samples at concentrations above background; and 2) lead was detected at concentrations that pose an unacceptable health risk for children, under an unrestricted residential land use scenario. Based on those results, SDUSD is proposing to remove approximately 363 cubic yards (545 tons) of lead and arsenic contaminated soil from the site under the oversight of our state agency, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC).

The Site is approximately 6.5 acres and is located between Martin Avenue to the north, an alley to the south (situated between Greely and Logan Avenues) and bounded by 31st Street on the west and 32nd Street on the east in San Diego, California. The site currently consists of single- and multi-family residential parcels, vacant property, and the Alternative Learning for Behavior and Attitude (ALBA) Community School. A location map is provided on the last page of this Fact Sheet.

This fact sheet summarizes the environmental investigations, identifies the proposed removal action, announces the 30-day public comment period and invites you to review and comment on the site cleanup plan known as Draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the proposed Laura G. Rodriguez (a.k.a. King/Logan/Perkins) Elementary School site.

Community Meeting

DTSC will host a community meeting to take your comments, answer your questions, and provide information about the environmental investigations, results and the proposed soil cleanup:

Day: Wednesday
Date: September 17, 2003,
Time: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Address: Logan Elementary School, Multi-purpose Room
2875 Oceanview Blvd.
San Diego, CA 92113

Translation will be provided

Public Comment Period

Sept. 2 to Oct. 1 2003

We invite you to review and provide your comments and questions on the Draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the Laura G. Rodriguez (a.k.a. King/Logan/Perkins) Elementary School site.

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THIS FACT SHEET WILL TELL YOU

- What was found
- How it may have gotten there
- Cleanup options
- Why and how the site will be cleaned up.
- How you can tell us what you think
- Who to contact for more information

DTSC is responsible to ensure that the cleanup work meets state and federal standards that protect the public's health and the environment. SDUSD is responsible for site selection, purchasing the property, site cleanup and construction.

SITE INVESTIGATIONS

The SDUSD conducted environmental investigations to assess potential impacts from lead-based paint from structures, undocumented fill material, landfill gases from the suspected former dumpsite adjacent to the site and potential impacts from a former incinerator.

Based on the results of the environmental investigations conducted at the Site, a site cleanup, known as **Removal Action**, is being proposed to remove the lead and arsenic contaminated soil in four isolated areas of the site. DTSC will oversee the removal action and will ensure that the removal is performed in a manner that does not result in any harm to people or the environment.

HOW THE CHEMICALS GOT THERE

The **lead** found at the site is likely from the historic structures painted with lead-based paint (residential homes) and leaded glass that was found underground. The **arsenic** concentrations detected in the soil samples could be from the old glass fragments found underground.

CLEAN UP OPTIONS

The draft final RAW, prepared in late August 2003, identifies and screens possible removal action options based on effectiveness, implementability and the cost. Based on these screening criteria, three options were selected for further evaluation:

- Option 1: No Action
- Option 2: Containment by Surface Capping
- Option 3: Excavation and Offsite

Any cleanup plan has to protect the human health and the environment, have a reasonable cost and be shared with the community. The best plan that meets these goals is Option 3 (Excavation and Offsite Disposal). This option was selected because it was determined to be protective of human health and the environment, easily implemented, and cost-effective.

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Under the guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC has prepared a **draft Notice of Exemption (NOE)** for the proposed removal action. The NOE document states that the removal action will not have significant negative effect on the environment because of the short duration, the controlled manner in which the relatively small volume of lead and arsenic contaminated soil will be excavated, loaded onto trucks and transported off-site for disposal.

HOW SDUSD PLANS TO CLEAN IT UP

The proposed plan involves use of conventional construction equipment to dig out and remove approximately 363 cubic yards (545 tons) of contaminated soil that will be transported off-site in about 28 truckloads. After the soil is transported to an approved off-site disposal facilities, clean fill soil will be imported to fill the excavated areas.

When the excavation work is complete, confirmation sampling will be conducted to verify that the lead and arsenic contaminated soil has been removed.

The cleanup is expected to begin October 2003 and is estimated to take 25 days.

SAFETY AND DUST CONTROLS DURING CLEANUP

The draft RAW addresses any potential exposure issues and outlines the protective measures needed to control exposure to lead and arsenic contaminated soil at the site. If the clean-up plan is approved as written, following are some of the actions SDUSD will take to

ensure safety and minimize the impact of dust generated during the cleanup:

- Access to the site will be restricted to authorized personnel.
- Where necessary, wind screens will be attached to the temporary fencing prior to start of the onsite activities.
- During excavation activities, work hours will be limited to reduce impacts to local traffic.
- All vehicles will maintain slow speeds while on the site.
- The excavated soils/materials will be loaded into transport trucks and the trucks will be covered.
- The work areas will be lightly sprayed or misted with clean water to control dust.
- Water will be sprayed on soil after it is loaded into the trucks to further control dust.
- The air will be monitored at the site to ensure the amount of dust stays at safe levels.
- Plastic sheets will be used to cover any stockpiled soil that may have to be left on site prior to transporting it off-site.

YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE COMMENTS

You have the opportunity to review and comment on the Draft RAW. The 30-day public comment period begins on September 2, 2003 and ends on October 1, 2003, during which time you can review and send comments and/or questions to us on the proposed cleanup option. Your comments must be postmarked by October 1, 2003 and sent to: Ms. Laura Zaremba, DTSC Project Manager, 1011 N. Grandview Avenue, Glendale, CA 91201. We would very much like to hear your thoughts and comments (see Comment Form enclosed).

WHERE TO FIND SITE DOCUMENTS (Technical Reports)

The proposed cleanup plan is described in detail in the document titled “Draft Removal Action Workplan for the Proposed King/Logan/Perkins Elementary School Site, California”. This document also describes how we looked at the possible health risks. The document is available for your review at the locations listed on the next page.

WHO TO CALL FOR INFORMATION

If you have questions regarding the DTSC environmental investigation or cleanup activities, please contact:

Laura Zaremba, DTSC Project Manager, at (858) 551-2183
 Maya Akula, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (818) 551-2917
 Jeanne Garcia, Public Information Officer, at (818) 551-2176

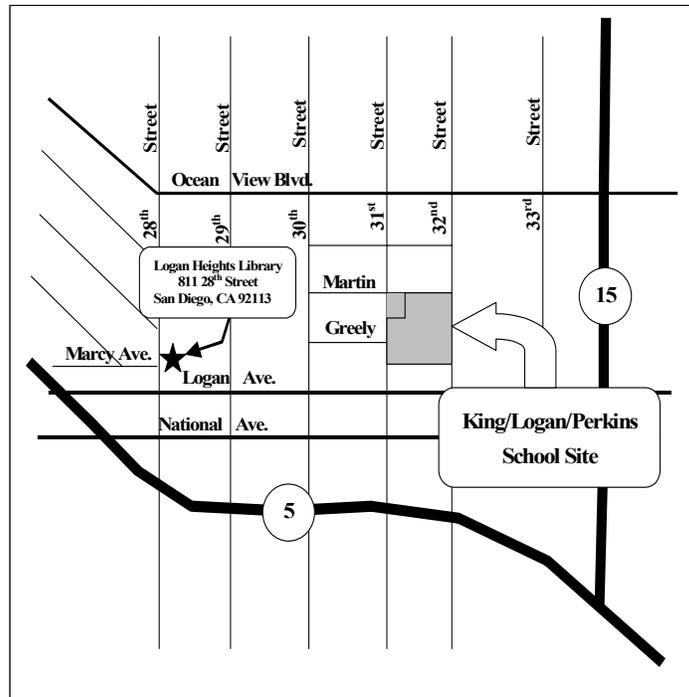
*Si desea información en español, comuníquese con:
 Eloy Florez, Especialista en Participación Pública de el DTSC, al (818) 551-2875*

SDUSD Contact:

Jim Bray, Civil/Environmental Engineering Coordinator, at (858) 573-5773

Project Documents are available for public review at the following locations:

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| <p>City Heights Weingart Library 3795 Fairmount Avenue</p> <p>San Diego, CA 92105 Phone: (619) 461-6100 Hours: 9:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Fridays-Saturdays 1:00 p.m – 5:00 p.m., Sundays</p> | <p>Logan Heights Branch Library</p> <p>811 South 28th Street San Diego, CA 92113 Phone: (619) 533-3968 Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Monday and Wednesday 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday</p> | <p>Department of Toxic Substances Control</p> <p>1011 N. Grandview Avenue Glendale, CA 91201 Contact: Jone Barrio Phone: (818) 551-2886 Hours: 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday.</p> |
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Meeting Accessibility and Notice to Hearing-Impaired Individuals

For information on meeting accessibility or to request reasonable accommodations, and to obtain additional information about the Site please call the California State Relay Service at (888) 877-5378 (TDD) or call Ms. Maya Akula, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (818) 551-2917.