



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN AND
DRAFT NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**LOS ALAMITOS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – RAILROAD EASEMENT SITE
Los Alamitos, California**

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: January 4, 2012 through February 3, 2012

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED? A draft cleanup plan, called a draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW), proposes the cleanup of arsenic-impacted soil at the Los Alamitos Elementary School - Railroad Easement site (Site). The draft RAW proposes excavation and off-site disposal of impacted soil. The California State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on the draft RAW. Details of the removal action alternatives are listed in Section 5 of the draft RAW.

During environmental investigations conducted at the Site, elevated levels of arsenic were found in soil at depths from near surface to six feet below the surface but primarily in the top 2.5 feet. There is no health risk because the public is not exposed to the impacted soil. The goal of the proposed cleanup is to ensure that the Site is safe for students, faculty and staff in the future if arsenic-impacted soil is disturbed for parking lot restoration or other construction related activity. DTSC will oversee the removal action and ensure that it is performed in a manner that does not harm people or the environment.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT – Draft Negative Declaration. DTSC evaluated possible environmental impacts associated with the proposed cleanup activities, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act. DTSC has prepared a draft Negative Declaration which states that the proposed RAW activities would not have a significant effect on the environment. The findings are available for public review in the information repositories listed below.

A public comment period is from January 4, 2012 through February 3, 2012. All written public comments must be postmarked or emailed **by February 3, 2012**. All comments **must be sent to** the following:

Ms. Christine Chiu, Project Manager
Department of Toxic Substances Control
5796 Corporate Avenue,
Cypress, CA 90630
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WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION? The draft RAW, draft Negative Declaration, and related documents are available at the following locations:

Los Alamitos School District
10293 Bloomfield Street
Los Alamitos, CA 90270
(562) 799-4700

DTSC Regional Records Room
5796 Corporate Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630
(714) 484-5377 call for appointment

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: If you have questions or wish to discuss the draft RAW or draft Negative Declaration, please contact:

For the Project
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TDD users may use the California Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 (TDD); ask to speak to Zenzi Poindexter (714) 484-5477.