

Fact Sheet  
October 2004

## Review of Draft Removal Action Plan for the Proposed Addition of the Lincoln Middle School



### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ANNOUNCEMENT

#### INTRODUCTION

Oceanside Unified School District is proposing to remove chlordane and arsenic contaminated soil at the Proposed Addition of the Lincoln Middle School, located at 2000 California Street, in the City of Oceanside, California 92054, under the oversight of the Department of Toxic Substance Control during the winter break.

The District is proposing to construct a new addition and modernize the existing facilities (see map, Page 4) at the Lincoln Middle School. As required by law, the District conducted an environmental investigation at the Proposed Addition of the Lincoln Middle School with the oversight of the Department. Chlordane (a pesticide no longer in use) and arsenic were found in two areas in concentrations that exceeds health risk levels for school sites.

The District has prepared a site cleanup plan known as draft Removal Action Workplan (draft Workplan) to remove the contaminants. The Department ensures the cleanup work meets state and federal standards to protect the public health and environment.

#### THIS FACT SHEET SUMMARIZES:

- Human health risk
- Cleanup options
- Notice of Exemption
- How the District plans to clean it up
- Safety and Dust Control Measures
- How you can tell us what you think
- Location of Site Documents

#### Public Comment Period:

**October 28, 2004 to  
November 27, 2004**

We invite you to review and provide your comments and questions on the draft Workplan for the Proposed Additions of the Lincoln Middle School.

Written comments must be post marked by November 27, 2004 and sent to:

Ms. Angela Ortega, Project Manager  
Dept. of Toxic Substances Control  
5796 Corporate Avenue  
Cypress, California 90630  
Email: [Aortega@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Aortega@dtsc.ca.gov)

Based on the survey results, a public meeting has not been scheduled. The Department may conduct a public meeting on the draft Workplan during the comment period if there is significant community interest.

To request a public meeting or a briefing, please contact:

Ms. Maya Akula  
DTSC Pubic Participation Specialist  
at (818) 551-2917 or  
Email: [Makula@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Makula@dtsc.ca.gov)

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## IS THE PUBLIC CURRENTLY EXPOSED TO CONTAMINATED SOIL?

The chlordane and arsenic contaminated soil is **currently not a risk** to the people who work or live near the site because one area is fenced and one area is covered and access is restricted. No other chemicals in surface soils were detected at levels that pose a risk to public health.

The contaminated soil will be removed prior to the construction process.

## CLEANUP OPTIONS

Cleanup options are evaluated based on effectiveness, feasibility, implementability and cost. The following three options were identified for further evaluation:

- Option 1: No Action (required by law as baseline)
- Option 2: Containment through Surface Capping
- Option 3: Excavation and Offsite Disposal

Based on the screening criteria listed above, **Option 3 (Excavation and Offsite Disposal)** is being proposed. A detailed description of these alternatives is provided in the draft Workplan.

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

DTSC has prepared a **draft Notice of Exemption** for this project as required by California Environmental Quality Act. The exemption document states that the cleanup project will not have significant negative effect on the environment because of the short duration, relatively low volume of contaminated soil that will be excavated, and the controlled manner in which soils will be excavated, loaded onto trucks and taken off-site for disposal.

## HOW THE DISTRICT PLANS TO CLEAN IT UP

The proposed plan involves using conventional construction equipment to dig and remove approximately 100 cubic yards (approx. 155 tons) of chlordane and arsenic contaminated soil that will be transported off-site (**approx. 10 truckloads.**) After the soil is transported to state-approved off-site disposal facilities, clean on-site soil will be used to fill the excavated areas.

The fieldwork is scheduled to begin in December during the winter break, and the cleanup is expected to **last about 10 days.** This includes digging out the soil, transporting it, and following up with confirmation soil sampling and analysis.

## SAFETY AND DUST CONTROL DURING CLEANUP

If the clean-up plan is approved as written, the District will take the following steps to ensure safety and minimize the impact of dust generated during the cleanup:

- Access to the site will be restricted to authorized personnel
- Wind screens will be attached to the temporary fencing prior to start of the onsite activities.
- Work hours will be limited to reduce impacts to local traffic during excavation activities. Trucks will enter and exit the site from California Street turning left onto Hunsaker, right onto Casidy, merging onto I-5 South and on to the disposal facility.
- Vehicles will maintain slow speeds while on the site.
- Excavated soils/materials will be loaded into transport trucks and the trucks will be covered.
- Work areas will be lightly sprayed or misted with clean water to prevent dust.

- Water will be sprayed on soil after it is loaded into the trucks to further prevent dust
- 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 stock piles of dug-up soil that may have to be left in place prior to transporting it off-site.
- Trucks will be decontaminated prior to leaving the site.

## YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE COMMENTS

You have the opportunity to review and comment on the **Draft Workplan**. The 30-day public comment period begins on October 28, 2004 and ends on November 27, 2004 during which time you can review and send comments and/or questions to us on the proposed cleanup option (see Comment Form enclosed). Your comments must be postmarked by November 27, 2004 and sent to: Ms. Angela Ortega, DTSC Project Manager, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, California 90630. DTSC will prepare and mail a **Response-to-Comments Letter** to everyone who has submitted a comment with a return address.

## WHERE TO FIND SITE DOCUMENTS

The proposed cleanup plan is described in detail in the document titled “Draft Removal Action Workplan, Proposed Additions to Lincoln Middle School, Oceanside, California”. This document also describes how we looked at the possible health risks. The document is available for your review at the following locations:

### **District Bond Office**

2111 Mission Avenue  
 Oceanside, California 92054  
 Phone: (760) 757-2560 x 490  
 Hours: Monday through Friday  
 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### **Oceanside Library**

3861-B Mission Avenue,  
 Oceanside, CA 92054  
 Phone: (760) 435-5630  
 Hours:  
 Monday through Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
 Thursday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
 Closed Sundays and Holidays

### **Department of Toxic Substances Control**

Cypress Regional Records Office  
 5796 Corporate Avenue  
 Cypress, CA 90630  
 Contact: Ms. Julie Johnson  
 Phone: (714) 484-5337  
 Hours: Monday through Friday  
 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## WHO TO CALL FOR INFORMATION

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

Ms. Angela Ortega, Project Manager:  
 (714) 484-5490

Maya Akula, DTSC Public Participation  
 Specialist: (818) 551-2917

**Media Inquiries:** Jeanne Garcia, Public  
 Information Officer at (818) 551-2176

Please visit DTSC website: [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov)

### **DISTRICT Contact:**

Brian Sullivan, Director of School Services,  
 at (760) 757-2560 Ext. 259

### **Notice to Hearing-Impaired Individuals**

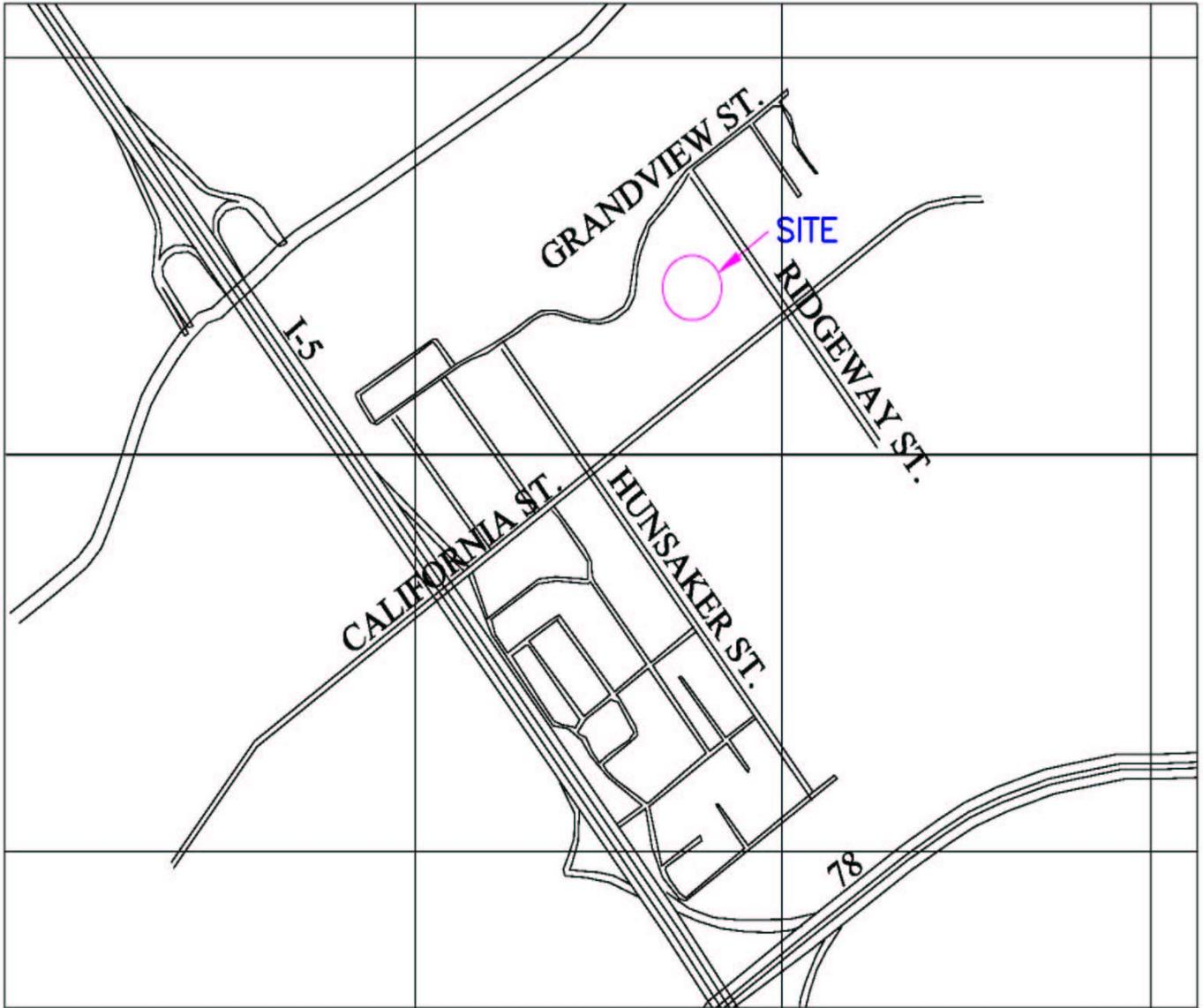
You may obtain additional information by calling the California State Relay Service at (888) 877-5378 (TDD) or call Ms. Maya Akula, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (818) 551-2917.

### **ADA Notice:**

For information on accessibility and to request reasonable accommodations, please contact Ms. Maya Akula at (818) 551-2917.



SITE LOCATION MAP:



Lincoln Middle School is located near the northwest corner of California Street and Ridgeway Street in Oceanside.

