



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
THE DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN FOR
Mattie Washburn Elementary School
Windsor, California



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: September 2, 2010 through October 1, 2010

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED? The Windsor Unified School District (WUSD) has proposed expanding the existing Mattie Washburn Elementary School (MWES) property by the addition of an approximately 3.5-acre parcel. The MWES Expansion Project is located at 111 Pleasant Avenue in Windsor, California. The MWES Expansion Project will add a multi-use building, new classroom buildings, playground, and parking areas to the existing school.

As a result of the Preliminary Environmental Assessment and Supplemental Site Investigation soil contamination was found on the MWES Expansion Project property. Due to the contamination, WUSD submitted a draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) to the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) for our review and approval.

Found in soil were elevated levels of cadmium and chlordane. Chlordane was found in the area around and under portions of the former residence and around portions of the former garage, and cadmium was found in a small-localized area in front of the former garage. DTSC is required to provide oversight on all proposed acquisitions of school sites and new school buildings construction and oversees site investigations, required cleanup activities, and evaluates the site for potential health risk from any hazardous materials or contamination.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) - NOTICE OF EXEMPTION - DTSC evaluated any possible impacts of the removal action for this project, as required by CEQA. DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE), which states that this removal action will not have a significant impact on the environment. The draft NOE is available for public review, along with other supporting documents.

WHY THIS NOTICE? The purpose of this notice is to provide you with the opportunity to learn more about the project and to provide comments to DTSC, concerning the proposed soil removal action, within 30-days of this notice.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE? Your participation is encouraged during the Public Comment Period, which runs from **September 2, 2010 through October 1, 2010**. All comments must be postmarked or received by **October 1, 2010**. Send your comments to:

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Sacramento, California 95826
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WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION? A copy of the draft RAW and draft NOE are available for review in the Information Repositories located at:

Mattie Washburn Elementary School
75 Pleasant Avenue
Windsor, California 95403
(707) 837-7727 (Call for hours)

Windsor Regional Library
9291 Old Redwood Highway, Building 100
Windsor, California 95492
(707) 838-1020 (Call for hours)

Windsor Unified School District
9291 Old Redwood Highway, Building 500
Windsor, California 95492
(707)837-7700 (Call for hours)

Department of Toxic Substances Control
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, California 95826
(916) 255-3779 (Call for appointment)

Information regarding the project can also be viewed electronically through DTSC's EnviroStor data system at: <http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public>. Enter '**Windsor**' for the city, click on '**Get Report,**' button, then click '**Report,**' next to 'Mattie Washburn Elementary School Expansion Site,' then click '**Community Involvement**' tab to find available site documents.

CONTACT: If you have any questions regarding the project, contact Jose Luevano, DTSC Project Manager, at (916) 255-3577 or JLuevano@dtsc.ca.gov, for public participation activities, contact Veronica Lopez-Villaseñor, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (916) 255-3651 or VLopezvi@dtsc.ca.gov. Member of the media, please contact Robert Palomares, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (916) 324-7031- or RPalomares@dtsc.ca.gov.