



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Draft Removal Action Workplan For The Mountain Oaks Charter School and Mountain Ranch Community School Is Available For Review San Andreas, California



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: September 19, 2006 through October 18, 2006

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

The Calaveras County Office of Education (CCOE) plan to build a new charter school, Mountain Oaks Charter School, (kindergarten to 12th grade) and a community school, Mountain Ranch Community School (6th to 12th grade). Both schools will be located at 1250 Pool Station Road, San Andreas, Calaveras County, California 95249. The school site consists of 7.74 acres of undeveloped land. During site investigations, levels of naturally occurring asbestos (NOA) were found in the soils across the site. When NOA is found on a school site, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) requires school districts to submit a workplan to reduce potential exposure to asbestos before beginning construction of a school.

On behalf of CCOE, Condor Earth Technologies, Inc has prepared a draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW). The primary objective of the proposed actions described in the draft RAW is to reduce potential future exposure to NOA in the soil on the school site. The draft RAW summarizes previous studies, and evaluates cleanup options based on their effectiveness, ability to be implemented, and cost.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT - NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The NOE document states that the mitigation/removal action will not have the potential for significant negative impacts on the environment. The draft NOE is available for review at the Information Repositories listed below.

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 thirty (30) days of this notice.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the draft RAW may be submitted in writing to Mr. Bud Duke, DTSC Project Manager, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826, or email: Bduke@dtsc.ca.gov. All mail must be postmarked by 5:00 p.m. on October 18, 2006. Emailed comments must be received by DTSC no later than 5:00 p.m. on the same date.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the Draft RAW and NOE are available for review in the Information Repositories located at Calaveras Unified School District, 3304 Highway 12, San Andreas, CA 95249, or Calaveras County Public Library, San Andreas Central, 891 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas, CA 95249, or Department of Toxic Substances Control, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Mr. Bud Duke, DTSC Project Manager, at (916) 255-3695 or by e-mail to Bduke@dtsc.ca.gov. For public participation activities, please contact Ms. Kim Rhodes, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (916) 255-3651 or by e-mail to Krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov. Members of the media may contact Ms. Carol Singleton, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (916) 255-6578 or by email to Csinglet@dtsc.ca.gov.