



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

FINAL DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORK PLAN PROPOSED FOR MYRTLE STREET HIGH SCHOOL



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: May 17 through June 15, 2010

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED? The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is overseeing cleanup of soil contaminated with lead and organochlorine pesticide particularly dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (DDT), dieldrin, and chlordane for the Myrtle Street High School Campus (Site). The contamination is from the past residential and agricultural practices. The Site is approximately 1.86 acres and located at 1010, 1020, 1040, 1054, and 1056 Myrtle Street in East Palo Alto, California. The proposed school is planned for approximately 255 students in grades 9-12.

The Draft Removal Action Work Plan (RAW) evaluates cleanup alternatives and identifies a preferred alternative which prevents or reduces potential risks to public health and the environment. The RAW summarizes previous studies and identifies possible remedial alternatives. Remedial alternatives are screened and evaluated on the basis of their effectiveness, ability to implement and cost. The RAW then identifies the alternative DTSC recommends and believes is the most appropriate for the site.

DTSC recommends 'Alternative 3: Soil Excavation and Off-Site Disposal' as the preferred remedial alternative. This alternative specifies excavation and off-site disposal of approximately 1,500 cubic yards of the contaminated soil to a licensed disposal facility.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT – NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (NOE) - DTSC will issue this document to address the requirements for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The findings are available for review only, along with other supporting documents in the Information Repositories.

WHY THIS NOTICE? The purpose of this notice is to provide you with an opportunity to learn more about the RAW and to provide comments to DTSC, within thirty (30) days of this notice.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE? Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the RAW may be submitted in writing to Mellan Songco, DTSC Project Manager, 8800 Cal Center, Sacramento, California 95826, or can be e-mail at: MSongco@dtsc.ca.gov. All mail must be postmarked by June 14, 2010. E-mailed comments must be received by DTSC on the same date.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION? A copy of the RAW and CEQA notice of exemption (NOE) is available for review in the Information Repositories located at:

East Palo Alto Library
2415 University Avenue
East Palo Alto, California 94303
(650) 321-7712

Department of Toxic Substances Control
8800 Cal Center Drive, File Room
Sacramento, California 95826
(916) 255-3758 (Call for an appointment)

Information about the Site can also be found on-line at <http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public>. Enter "East Palo Alto" as the City then click "Get Report." Find the "Myrtle Street High School Campus" then click on the "Report" link next to the Site name. This will take you to DTSC's database where you will find information and documents related to the Site.

Who do I Contact? For Site related questions or concerns contact the following DTSC staff:

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