



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN (PLAN)
PROPOSED NEW CITRUS CONTINUATION
HIGH SCHOOL**

**(formerly known as Middle School No. 8)
Northwest of the Intersection of Cypress
Avenue and Santa Ana Avenue
Fontana, California**

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: September 8 to September 22, 2008

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

A draft Removal Action Work Plan (Plan) for the Fontana Unified School District's proposed New Citrus Continuation High School, formerly known as Middle School No.8 (Site), is available for public review and comment. The Site consists of approximately 18.5 acres located northwest of the intersection of Cypress Avenue and Santa Ana Avenue in Fontana.

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is responsible for overseeing environmental reviews and cleanup actions of proposed sites for new schools and existing school expansion projects throughout the state. DTSC will ensure that mitigation and cleanup activities for this project are conducted in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations.

The Site was utilized for agricultural purposes (a vineyard) from approximately 1953 to 1969. A poultry farm began operating in the southeast corner of the Site in 1947 and has since closed down. A series of greenhouses occupied the northern side of the Site from approximately 1979 until 2000. Structures from former residential dwellings built in 1947 on the southern side of the Site are vacant. The environmental investigations recently completed at the Site detected elevated concentrations of organochlorine pesticides (OCPs) in the shallow soil around four structures located on the Site. The source of the OCPs has been identified as termiticides used to treat termites. Approximately 80 cubic yards (about six truckloads) of OCP-impacted soil within the identified excavation areas will be removed in a manner that reduces the potential to generate particulates and dust. The contaminated soil will be excavated and removed off-site for disposal at a state licensed and approved Disposal and/or Treatment Facility.

Notice of Exception (NOE): DTSC prepared a draft NOE pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for this project which states that the project will not have a negative effect on human health or the environment.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE? The interested community is provided an opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to DTSC on the draft Plan during a **15-day public comment period** that starts on September 8, 2008 and ends on September 22, 2008. Your comments may be submitted in writing to Mr. Tawfiq Deek, Project Manager, DTSC, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630. Comments must be postmarked by **September 22, 2008**.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft Plan and other project documents are available for review at the Fontana Library, 8437 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, CA 92335. Also, the Administrative Record and the project documents are available for review during office hours at the DTSC Regional Records Office, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630. Contact Ms. Julie Johnson at (714) 484-5337 for an appointment.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Ms. Christina Fu, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (818) 717-6574 or email: cfu@dtsc.ca.gov or Mr. Tawfiq Deek, DTSC Project Manager, at (714) 484-5305 or email: tdeek@dtsc.ca.gov. For DTSC media inquiries, please contact Ms. Jeanne Garcia, Public Information Officer at (818) 717-6573 or email: jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov.

Notice to Hearing-Impaired Individuals: You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at: 1 (888) 877-5378 (TDD). Ask them to contact Ms. Christina Fu at (818) 717-6574 regarding the New Citrus Continuation High School project.

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