

Public Notice
Notice of Public 30-day Comment Period on Draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW)
O'Hara Park Middle School, Oakley, Contra Costa County, California

The California Environmental Protection Agency – Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announces the public comment period for a Draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) prepared to address contaminant issues concerning Sierra-Crete® material at the O'Hara Park Middle School.

During construction in 1988, Sierra-Crete® was used as a base material beneath asphalt at the school's small 10-car parking lot located near the northwest corner of the school property. Sierra-Crete® is a structural road-base material that was manufactured at the former DuPont facility in Oakley, California. In early 2002 when it was discovered that Sierra-Crete® contained traces of dioxins and other substances, DuPont contacted DTSC, Contra Costa County Health Department, and the cities of Antioch, Oakley, and Pittsburg. A Human Health Risk Assessment was conducted and further investigation was determined to be needed. The Oakley Union Elementary School District (OUESD) entered into a Voluntary Cleanup Agreement with DTSC and conducted a Preliminary Endangerment Assessment, which showed traces of dioxins and other substances in the Sierra-Crete® sampled. The levels of these chemicals are above the DTSC health risk standards set up for school properties. As a result of the investigation findings, OUESD proposed a site cleanup known as a RAW.

The purpose of the Draft RAW is to propose cleanup activities for removal of the Sierra-Crete® at O'Hara Park Middle School. OUESD has prepared the Draft RAW which is available for 30 days for public review and comment between July 14, 2003 and August 12, 2003. DTSC will carefully consider and respond to all comments received during the comment period. All written comments must be postmarked no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 12, 2003 and should be sent to the attention of Ms. Jennifer Jones, Project Manager, 1011 North Grandview Avenue, Glendale, California 91201 or via electronic e-mail to Ms. Jones at jjones@dtsc.ca.gov no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 12, 2003.

DTSC has evaluated the project to determine the possible environmental impacts of the Draft Removal Action Workplan in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). DTSC found that the proposed activities would have no significant negative impacts. Due to the limited scope of work, a Notice of Exemption is included in the Removal Action Workplan.

The Draft RAW is available for public review at the following repositories:

Oakley Library 1050 Neroly Road Oakley, CA 94561 (inside Freedom High School)	Oakley Union Elementary School District Office 91 Mercedes Lane Oakley, CA 94561	O'Hara Park Middle School Administrative Offices 1100 O'Hara Avenue Oakley, CA 94561	California Environmental Protection Agency Department of Toxic Substances Control 8800 Cal Center Drive Sacramento, California 95826-3200 File Room: Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. by appointment, (916) 255-3758
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If you would like more information or have questions on the Draft Removal Action Workplan, please contact Ms. Jennifer Jones at (818) 551-2973. For questions about the public participation process, contact Ms. Michelle Trotter, Public Participation Coordinator at (916) 255-6441. For media questions, please contact Ms. Angela Blanchette at (510) 540-3732. The complete administrative record is available for review at DTSC office listed above.