



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Draft Removal Action Workplan For The New Plumas Ranch Elementary School Is Available For Review Plumas Lake, California



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: April 2, 2007 through May 1, 2007

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

The Plumas Elementary School District (PESD) plans to build a new elementary school (Site) located at the southwest corner of Lakeport Way and Lockwood Drive, in Plumas Lake, California. The proposed new school will consist of 28 classrooms, a multi-purpose room, staff offices, and playground facilities for approximately 525 students.

The 10-acre parcel of land is currently undeveloped and owned by Cresleigh Homes. The property was formerly a plum orchard. After removal of the plum trees in 1996, the Site was used for farming grain and hay. The property has not been used for agricultural purposes since 2003. DTSC requested a Site investigation to look for chemicals associated with agricultural activities.

During an investigation of the Site, elevated levels of the arsenic were found in shallow soil. PESD submitted a draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) to DTSC for review and approval. The draft RAW describes the investigation, the contamination found, and proposes Site clean-up activities that will be completed prior to construction of the proposed school.

The draft RAW proposes removal and off-site disposal of approximately 3,222 cubic yards (approximately 150 truckloads) of soil containing arsenic at the proposed Site.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT - NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

DTSC evaluated any possible impacts of the removal action for this project, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act. DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) which states that this removal action will not have significant impacts 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 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. Neal Hutchison, DTSC Project Manager, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826, or email:

Hhutchis@dtsc.ca.gov. All mail must be postmarked by 5 PM on May 1, 2007. Emailed comments must be received by DTSC no later than 5 PM 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 Yuba County Public Library 302 2nd Street, Marysville, California 95901, or Plumas Elementary School District, 1220 Zanes Drive, Plumas Lake, California 95961 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. Neal Hutchison, DTSC Project Manager, at (916) 255-4369 or by e-mail to Hhutchis@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 should contact Mr. Ron Baker, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (916) 324-3142 or by e-mail to Rbaker@dtsc.ca.gov.