



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

### The Draft Cleanup Plan For The New Podesta Elementary School Is Available For Review Stockton, California



**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** June 27, 2007 through July 11, 2007

#### **WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?**

A draft cleanup plan to remove soil containing lead and chlordane from the new Podesta Ranch Elementary Property is available for public review and comment. The draft plan, also known as a Removal Action Workplan (RAW) was submitted by the Lodi Unified School District (LUSD) for property located at 9925 Lower Sacramento Road, in Stockton. The new school will consist of 34 classrooms, a multi-purpose room, staff offices, and playground facilities for approximately 826 students.

There is no immediate health risk because the public is not exposed to the contaminated soil. However, because exposure to elevated levels of lead and chlordane contamination can cause adverse health effects, DTSC recommended that the school district prepare a cleanup plan to remove and dispose the contaminated soil to protect the future occupants, students and staff who will attend the new school. DTSC will oversee the clean up that will take place prior to construction of the new school and will ensure that it is performed in a manner that does not harm people or the environment.

The 11.7-acre parcel was used for agricultural farming and pastures from at least the 1950s through the mid-1990s. The structures on the property included a home, detached garage, barn, domestic well, and one pole-mounted transformer. Currently the site is fallow with no structures other than the foundation of the former residence.

The draft RAW proposes removal and off-site disposal of 500 cubic yards (about 25 truckloads) of soil containing lead and chlordane at the property.

#### **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 fifteen (15) days of this notice.

#### **HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?**

Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the Draft RAW may be submitted in writing to Mr. Jose Luevano, DTSC Project Manager, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826, or email: [Jluevano@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Jluevano@dtsc.ca.gov). All mail must be postmarked by 5 PM on July 11, 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 Lodi Unified School District, Attn: Mr. Art Hand, Jr., Assistant Superintendent, 1305 E. Vine Street, Lodi, California 95420, or Lodi Public Library, 201 W. Locust Street, Lodi, California 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. Jose Luevano, DTSC Project Manager, at (916) 255-3577 or by e-mail to [Jluevano@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Jluevano@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](mailto:Krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov). Members of the media should contact Mr. Ron Baker, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (916) 324-3142 or by email to [Rbaker@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Rbaker@dtsc.ca.gov).