



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

DRAFT REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN

PROPOSED SOUTH REGION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #6

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

OPEN HOUSE: July 29, 2008, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
66th Street Elementary School Auditorium
6600 S. San Pedro Street, Los Angeles, CA 90003

Public Comment Period: July 8, 2008 to August 7, 2008

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the draft Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for the Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) proposed South Region Elementary School #6 site. This workplan addresses the removal of approximately 3,350 cubic yards (5,025 tons) of soil and off-site disposal from the site in about 169 trucks. An estimated 15,552 tons of additional soil will either be reused on-site or be transported off site to a state approved disposal facility. An additional 552 trucks may be necessary to remove additional soil. The proposed school is six acres in size and is bounded by West Slauson Avenue to the north, South Main Street to the east, West 59th Street to the south, and commercial and residential properties to the west in Los Angeles. During the site investigations, benzene, tetrachloroethylene (PCE), trichloroethylene (TCE), arsenic, organochlorine pesticide (OCP), polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB), and lead as well as possible underground storage tanks (USTs) were detected in soil in concentrations exceeding DTSC health risk levels for school sites. Therefore, DTSC recommended LAUSD to remove the contaminated soils and transport them to permitted off-site disposal facilities.

DTSC has prepared a draft Initial Study and a Negative Declaration for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Initial study states that the proposed cleanup will not have a significant negative impact on the human health and the environment because of the defined amount of contaminated soil to be removed and the controlled manner in which the contaminated soils will be removed, loaded onto trucks and taken away to an approved/permitted off-site facility for lawful disposal/treatment.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

This notice is to provide the interested community the opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to DTSC about the proposed cleanup during a thirty (30) day public comment period that starts on July 8, 2008, and ends on August 7, 2008.

An open house will be held on July 29, 2008, at 6 p.m. at 66th Street Elementary School Auditorium, 6600 S. San Pedro Street, Los Angeles, CA 90003. Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the draft RAP may be submitted in writing to Ivy Guaño, Project Manager, DTSC, 5796 Corporate Ave., Cypress, CA 90630, and must be postmarked by **August 7, 2008**.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft RAP and other project documents are available at the John Muir Branch Library, 1005 W. 64th St., Los Angeles, CA 90044; 61st Street Elementary School, 6020 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, CA 90003; 66th Street Elementary School, 6600 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles, CA 90003 and at www.laschools.org. Also, all site documents and the Administrative Record pertaining to this project are available for review during office hours at the DTSC Regional Records Office, 5796 Corporate Ave., Cypress, CA 90630. Contact: Julie Johnson at (714) 484-5337 for appointment. For more information about the DTSC, please visit our website at www.envirostor.dtsc.gov.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the removal, please contact Jeanne Matsumoto, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (866) 495-5611, press option 3, then 1, or email: jmatsumo@dtsc.ca.gov; or Ivy Guaño, DTSC Project Manager, at (714) 484-5433 or email: iguano@dtsc.ca.gov. Media queries contact: Jeanne Garcia at (818) 717-6573 or email: jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov. For information on DTSC, visit our web site: www.dtsc.ca.gov.

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