



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

### The Draft Removal Action Workplan For The New Alex G. Spanos Elementary School Is Available For Review Stockton, California



**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** October 20, 2006 through November 20, 2006

#### WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

The Stockton Unified School District (SUSD) plans to build a new elementary school, known as Alex G Spanos Elementary School (Site) in Stockton, California. The site is bounded by East Church Street on the north, East Hazelton Street to the south, South California Street to the west, and South American Street to the east in the city of Stockton. The proposed new school will consist of 19 classrooms, a multi-purpose room, amphitheater, an administrative building, staff offices, and playground facilities. The school is planned to house up to approximately 450 students.

The Site is just south of downtown Stockton. The Site consists of one city block with 20 adjoining parcels and covers 2.79 acres. Previous uses have included mixed residential and commercial properties since the 1870's. In August 2006, the city of Stockton gained ownership of all 20 parcels, at which time SUSD demolished all the structures on the proposed school site.

SUSD has prepared a draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) that describes the investigation, contamination found, and the proposed activities for cleanup of the site, to be completed prior to school construction.

The Draft RAW proposes removal and off-site disposal of approximately 6,000 cubic yards (300-350 truckloads) of soil containing metals (primarily lead, with isolated areas of arsenic and mercury), PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyl's), and chemicals associated with motor oil (polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons -PAHs) 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. 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 November 20, 2006. 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 Stockton Unified School District, Attn: Steve Breakfield, Facilities Planner, 1932 N. El Pinal Drive, Stockton, California 95205, or Cesar Chavez Central Library, 605 N. El Dorado Street, Stockton, California 95202 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).