



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN PROPOSED STONE RANCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: September 30, 2003 – October 30, 2003

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the Poway Unified School District (PUSD) Proposed Stone Ranch Elementary School Site. This workplan addresses the installation of a passive and/or mechanically active venting system and vapor barrier to dissipate any encapsulated gases (methane) in the soil from the proposed site. The proposed Stone Ranch Elementary School Site is located at 16150 4S Ranch Parkway southwest of the intersection of 4S Ranch Parkway and Deer Trail Drive, in the County of San Diego.

During the site investigation, methane was detected in the soil in concentrations exceeding DTSC action levels and/or standards for school sites. Therefore, PUSD proposes to install a passive and/or mechanically active venting system and vapor barrier to dissipate any encapsulated gases in the soil from the proposed site.

DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This project is considered exempt since it will not have a significant negative impact on the human health or the environment because it entails measures to be implemented along with the school construction design to install a barrier and allow passive venting under the structures.

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 methane removal action during the thirty (30) day public comment period which begins on September 30, 2003 and ends on October 30, 2003. Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the draft RAW may be submitted in writing to Mr. Juan Osornio, Project Manager, at the DTSC address listed below and must be postmarked by October 30, 2003.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft RAW and other project documents are available at Poway Unified School District, Planning Department, 13626 Twin Peaks Road, Poway and the 4S Ranch Information Center, 15722 Dove Canyon Road, San Diego. Also, all site documents and full Administrative Record pertaining to this project are available for review during the hours at the DTSC Regional Records Office, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630. Contact: Julie Johnson at (714) 484-5337.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Ms. Maya Akula, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (818) 551-2917 or email: makula@dtsc.ca.gov. *Si desea información en español, comuníquese con el Sr. Eloy Florez al (818) 551-2875.*

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, or for more information about DTSC see our website at www.dtsc.ca.gov.