



# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Draft Removal Action Workplan Valentine Elementary School Site Fresno, California



**Public Comment Period: August 17, 2009 to September 17, 2009**

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is requesting public comment on the Draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for Valentine Elementary School (Site), a proposed school site located just west of Highway 99 and south of West Clinton Avenue in Fresno, California. Environmental investigations indicate that there are elevated levels of various contaminants in portions of soil at the site, including lead, cadmium, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), used motor oil, and chlordane, a chlorinated pesticide used for control of termites. The Draft RAW proposes to excavate the contaminated soil and dispose of it at an approved landfill off-site. DTSC is the agency overseeing the investigation and cleanup activities at the Site. The cleanup will involve the following activities;

- Excavation of approximately 250 cubic yards of contaminated soil using traditional field equipment such as excavators, loaders, and hauling trucks.
- Re-testing of excavated soil for classification, and then hauling it off-site for disposal at an appropriate landfill facility.
- Safety measures to control for airborne dust migration of excavated soils, and covering of transport trucks.
- Confirmation sampling of excavated areas to ensure that cleanup goals have been met.

DTSC has evaluated the potential environmental impacts that the removal action could pose, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). DTSC has determined that the proposed cleanup plan would have no negative impact on the environment and is proposing to issue a Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the project.

**Information Repositories:** Copies of the Draft RAW, NOE, and other related documents are available for public review at the information repositories listed below.

**Fresno County Library  
Gillis Branch  
629 West Dakota Avenue  
Fresno, California 93705  
(559) 225-0140**

**Central Unified School District  
4605 N. Polk Avenue  
Fresno, California 93722  
559) 274-4700**

**DTSC File Room  
8800 Cal Center Drive  
Sacramento, California 95826  
(916) 255-3758**

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The public comment period runs from **August 17, 2009 through September 17, 2009**, and you are encouraged to provide comment on the Draft RAW. All comments must be postmarked or received by **September 17, 2009**. Please submit your written comments to:

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