



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD



### Changes to the Cleanup Plan at the Almaden Quicksilver County Park is Available for Review and Comment

San Jose, California

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** May 9, 2006 through June 7, 2006

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

We would like to inform you that the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is proposing additional soil removal activities at the Almaden Quicksilver County Park (Site) located at 21785 Almaden Road, San Jose, California 95120.

In May 1994, DTSC sent the surrounding community a fact sheet describing a proposed cleanup plan for the Site, known as the draft Remedial Action Plan (RAP). DTSC approved the RAP in December 1994 after consideration of public comments received during a 30-day public comment period. Work began shortly after to remove approximately 43,000 cubic yards of the contaminated soil caused from former mercury mining activities. The removal activity was stopped when the California Red-Legged Frog's habitat was impacted by the soil removal. The removal of additional contaminated soil will help restore the habitat for the California Red-Legged Frog, eliminate Mercury contamination from entering the San Francisco Bay, and return the full use of the Park to the community.

#### **CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

An Initial Study was conducted by DTSC to determine if the additional soil removal activities would have a significant effect on the environment. A determination has been made that the additional removal would not have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, DTSC has prepared a Negative Declaration for this project. The proposed Initial Study and Negative Declaration are also open for public review and comment. The Draft Negative Declaration is available for review and comment at the Information Repositories listed below.

#### **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 and Negative Declaration may be submitted in writing to Mr. Edgardo Gillera, DTSC Project Manager, Department of Toxic Substances Control, 700 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, California 94710 or by email to: [EGillera@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:EGillera@dtsc.ca.gov). All mail must be postmarked by 5:00 p.m. on June 7, 2006. Emailed comments must be received by DTSC no later than 5:00 p.m. on the same date.

#### **WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?**

A copy of the Draft RAW and Negative Declaration are available for review in the Information Repositories located at the San Jose Public Library, Almaden Branch, 6455 Camden Avenue, San Jose, California 95120 and Department of Toxic Substances Control, 700 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, California 94710

#### **CONTACT:**

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Mr. Edgardo Gillera, DTSC Project Manager, at (510) 540-3826 or by e-mail at [EGillera@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:EGillera@dtsc.ca.gov). For public participation activities, please contact Ms. Kim Rhodes, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (916) 255-3651 or toll-free (866) 495-5651 or by e-mail to [Krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov). Members of the media should contact Ms. Angela Blanchette, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (510) 540-3732 or by e-mail to [Ablanche@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Ablanche@dtsc.ca.gov).