



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
DRAFT REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN
PROPOSED CENTRAL REGION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #13
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Public Comment Period: November 24, 2009 to January 11, 2010
Public Hearing: December 8, 2009, 6:00 PM
Pio Pico Span School Auditorium, 1512 S. Arlington Avenue, Los Angeles

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

A draft Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for the Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) proposed Central Region Elementary School #13 (Site) is available for public review and comment. This plan describes the removal and off-site disposal of approximately 8,728 cubic yards (about 490 truckloads) of contaminated soil from the Site. This approximately 3.34-acre site is bordered by W. Washington Blvd. to the north, a Chevron Station to the east, residences to the south, and 3rd Ave. to the west. During the Site investigation process, the Site was divided into two portions (Area A and Area B) based on historical land use and to allow for partial Site clearance. Area A encompasses 2nd Ave. and the area west of 2nd Ave., while Area B includes the area east of 2nd Ave. and is approximately 1 acre.

During remedial action planning, Area B was further divided into Areas B1 and B2. Area B2 was then divided into two operable units (OUs). Operable Unit 1 (OU1) includes on-site soil and soil gas down to the groundwater in Area B2, approximately 45" below ground surface. OU2 includes deeper soil, soil gas, groundwater, and off-site issues related to the site, as necessary. This RAP addresses Area B OU1 only.

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), a division of the Cal/EPA, is responsible for overseeing environmental investigations and cleanup actions of proposed sites for new schools and existing school expansion projects throughout the state. DTSC will ensure that mitigation and cleanup activities for this project are conducted in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations. During the environmental investigations, benzene, ethylbenzene, naphthalene, tetrachloroethylene (PCE), vinyl chloride, and trimethylbenzene were detected in soils and soil gases in concentrations exceeding DTSC health risk levels for school sites. Therefore, LAUSD proposes to remove the contaminated soil and transport it to permitted off-site disposal facilities.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

In compliance with CEQA, DTSC has prepared a draft Initial Study (IS) for this project. The IS document states that the proposed cleanup will not have a significant effect on the environment due to the controlled manner in which the contaminated soils will be removed, loaded onto trucks and transported off-site for disposal.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

The interested community is provided an opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to DTSC about the draft RAP during a forty-five (45) day public comment period that starts on November 24, 2009, and ends on January 11, 2010. Your comments may be submitted in writing to Maya Akula, Public Participation Specialist, DTSC, 9211 Oakdale Avenue, Chatsworth, CA 91311. Comments must be postmarked by **January 11, 2010**.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft RAP and other project documents are available at the Washington Irving Branch Library, 4117 W. Washington Blvd., Los Angeles; Pio Pico Span School, 1512 S. Arlington Ave., Los Angeles; Alta Loma Elementary School, 1745 Vineyard Avenue, Los Angeles; and on the LAUSD website at www.laschools.org. Also, the Administrative Record and the project documents are available for review during office hours at the DTSC Regional Records Office, 9211 Oakdale Ave., Chatsworth, CA 91311. Contact Vivien Tutaan at (818) 717-6521 for an appointment.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, or require information on meeting accessibility and to request reasonable accommodation, please contact Maya Akula, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (818) 717-6566 or email: makula@dtsc.ca.gov; or Stephanie Lewis, DTSC Project Manager, at (818) 717-6616 or email: slewis1@dtsc.ca.gov. For media inquiries, please 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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