

NOTICE OF COMMUNITY MEETING AND COMMENT PERIOD



DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN CENTRAL REGION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #14 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

COMMUNITY MEETING: May 17, 2007, 6pm
Rosemont Elementary School
421 N. Rosemont Ave., LA, CA 90026

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: April 26 – May 25, 2007

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the Draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) proposed Central Region Elementary School #14 site (site). This Draft RAW describes the removal and off-site lawful disposal of approximately 1,852 cubic yards (2,778 tons) of soil from the site. The proposed 3.23 acre site is bordered by residential lots and Mohawk Street to the northwest, residential or commercial property to the northeast, by Alvarado Street to the southeast, and by Santa Ynez Street to the southwest. During the site investigations, lead was detected in shallow soils in concentrations exceeding DTSC health risk levels for school sites. Elevated levels of lead were detected on all but two of the properties. It is estimated that soil will have to be excavated to a maximum depth of 5 feet for lead contaminated soil. Therefore, LAUSD proposes to lawfully remove the contaminated soil and transport it to a permitted off-site disposal facility. The soil removal is expected to take place as early as June 8, 2007. DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption for this soil removal pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. This project is considered exempt since it will not have a significant negative impact on the human health and the environment due to the relatively short duration and the controlled manner in which the contaminated soils will be excavated, loaded onto trucks and taken off-site for lawful disposal/treatment.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

The interested community is provided an opportunity to learn more about the project and submit comments to DTSC regarding the proposed cleanup during a 30-day public comment period that starts on April 26, and ends on May 25, 2007. Also, a public meeting will be held on May 17 at 6 p.m. at Rosemont Elementary School. Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the draft RAW may be submitted in writing to Angela Ortega, Project Manager, at the DTSC address listed below, and must be postmarked by **May 25, 2007**.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the Draft RAW and other project documents are available at:

Rosemont Elementary School
421 North Rosemont Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90026

Edendale Branch Library
2011 West Sunset Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90026

Echo Park Branch Library
1410 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90026

LAUSD
Office of Environmental Health and Safety
1055 W. 7th St., 9th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017
and at www.laschools.org.

Full Administrative Record:
DTSC Regional Records Office
5796 Corporate Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630-4732
Call for app't.: (714) 484-5337

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Cynthia Miller, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (818) 551-2846 or e-mail: cmiller@dtsc.ca.gov; or Angela Ortega, DTSC Project Manager, at (714) 484-5490 or email: aortega@dtsc.ca.gov.

*Si desea información en español, comuníquese con: Leticia Hernandez,
Especialista en Participación Pública del DTSC, al (714) 484-5488.*