

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD



DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN CENTRAL REGION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #17 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: May 14, 2007 to June 12, 2007

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

A draft plan to remove soil contaminated with lead-based paint at the proposed Central Region Elementary School #17 site is open for public review and comment. The draft plan, called a Removal Action Workplan, or RAW, was submitted by the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). The draft RAW addresses the removal and off-site disposal of approximately 2,958 cubic yards (4,437 tons) of soil from the site. The proposed 3.02 acre site is bordered by 33rd Street to the north, Jefferson Boulevard to the south, Wadsworth Avenue to the east, and Griffith Avenue to the west in Los Angeles. During the site investigation, elevated lead concentrations were detected in shallow soils throughout the site in concentrations exceeding Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) health risk levels for school sites. It is estimated that soil will have to be excavated to a maximum depth of 4.5 feet. LAUSD proposes to remove and transport the contaminated soil to a permitted off-site disposal facility. DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this soil removal pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This project is considered exempt since it will not have a significant negative impact on human health and the environment because of the relatively short duration and controlled manner in which the contaminated soil will be excavated, loaded onto trucks then taken off-site for disposal/treatment.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

The interested community has 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 May 14 and ends on June 12. Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the draft RAW may be submitted in writing to Ann Chang, Project Manager, at the DTSC address listed below, and must be postmarked by **June 12, 2007**.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft RAW and other project documents are available at the Wadsworth Elementary School, 981 E. 41st Street, Los Angeles, CA 90011; 28th Street Elementary School, 2807 Stanford Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90011, Junipero Serra Library, 4607 South Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90037, and at www.laschools.org. Also, all site documents and the Administrative Record pertaining to this project are available for review during office hours at the DTSC Regional Records Office, 1011 N. Grandview Ave., Glendale, CA 91201. Contact: Jone Barrio, (818) 551-2886.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Maya Akula, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (818) 551-2917 or email: makula@dtsc.ca.gov; or Ann Chang, DTSC Project Manager, at (818) 551-2834 or email: achang@dtsc.ca.gov. For Media Inquiries, please contact Jeanne Garcia, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (818) 551-2176 or email: jgarcial@dtsc.ca.gov.

*Si desea información en español, comuníquese con: Leticia Hernandez,
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