



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
DRAFT INITIAL STUDY/DRAFT NEGATIVE DECLARATION
AND REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN
PROPOSED CENTRAL REGION HIGH SCHOOL #13
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Public Comment Period Extended to January 28, 2008

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on an Initial Study/draft Negative Declaration and the draft Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for the Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) proposed Central Region High School #13 site. The RAP addresses the removal and off-site disposal of approximately 20,000 cubic yards (30,000 tons) of soil and off-site disposal from the site in about 1,200 trucks.

The site is 23.21 acres in size and is bounded by the Los Angeles River to the west, California State Route 2 (Glendale Freeway) to the north, San Fernando Road to the east, and Interstate 5 (Golden State Freeway) to the south in the Glassell Park community of Los Angeles. During the site investigations, metals, arsenic, and lead, and other contaminants including volatile organic compounds (VOCs), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and pesticide were detected in shallow soils and soil gases in concentrations exceeding DTSC health risk levels for school sites. Therefore, DTSC recommended LAUSD to remove the contaminated soils and transport them to permitted off-site disposal facilities.

DTSC has prepared an Initial Study/draft Negative Declaration for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Initial Study concludes that proposed cleanup activities will not result in significant impacts on human health and the environment because of the defined amount of contaminated soil to be removed and the controlled manner in which the contaminated soils will be removed, loaded onto trucks and taken away to an approved/permitted off-site facility for lawful disposal/treatment.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

This notice is to provide the interested community the opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to DTSC about the proposed cleanup during a thirty (30) day public comment period that has been extended from the previous deadline of November 28, 2007 to January 28, 2008. Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the draft RAP may be submitted in writing to Ms. Stephanie Lewis, Project Manager, DTSC, 1011 N. Grandview Avenue, Glendale, CA 91201, and must be postmarked by January 28, 2008.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft RAP, Initial Study/draft Negative Declaration and other project documents are available at the Cypress Park Library, 1150 Cypress Avenue, Los Angeles; Glassell Park Elementary School, 2211 West Avenue 30, Los Angeles; and at www.laschools.org. All site documents and the Administrative Record pertaining to this project are available for review during office hours at the DTSC Regional Records Office, 1101 North Grandview Avenue, Glendale, CA 90201. Contact: Jone Barrio at (818) 551-2886 for an appointment.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the removal, please contact Ms. Stephanie Lewis, DTSC Project Manager, at (818) 551-2847 or by email: slewis1@dtsc.ca.gov or Ms. Maya Akula, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (818) 551-2917, or toll free at (866) 495-5611, press option 3, then 1, or by email: makula@dtsc.ca.gov; and. Media queries contact: Jeanne Garcia at (818) 551-2176 or email: jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov. For information on DTSC, visit our web site: www.dtsc.ca.gov.

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