

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated resources, enforcing hazardous waste laws, reducing hazardous waste generation, and encouraging the manufacture of chemically safer products.

## PROPOSED DRAFT REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN, OPERABLE UNIT 3, LEGACY HIGH SCHOOL, SOUTH GATE, CALIFORNIA

Para información en español por favor comuníquese con Yolanda Garza al número (714) 816-1978.

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the draft Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for Operable Unit 3 (OU 3) for Legacy High School (Site), located at 5246 Tweedy Boulevard, South Gate, California 90280.

### What is being proposed?

The draft RAP proposes to clean up contaminants in shallow groundwater at the Site. The groundwater at the Site is referred to as Operable Unit 3 (OU 3). The Site encompasses 35 separate parcels covering 35.2 acres. The Site is surrounded by residential neighborhoods to the north, residential and industrial uses to the south, industrial and commercial uses to the west, and the Los Angeles River to the east.

The objectives of the RAP for OU 3 are to remediate shallow site-wide groundwater to meet the State primary drinking water standards, prevent or control potential contaminants from reaching drinking water wells, and prevent or control exposure of residual contaminants to groundwater and control and mitigate soil vapor to protect human health and the environment. The long-term objective for the Site is groundwater restoration. There is no immediate health risk because the public is not exposed to the shallow groundwater and the shallow groundwater is not a source of drinking water.

The draft RAP proposes remedial actions on several parcels within OU 3. Actions will include: installation of wells to inject chemicals that will destroy or reduce groundwater contaminants and removal of contaminated soil. The progress of cleanup will be monitored through a groundwater sampling program.

The DTSC is the State agency responsible for providing oversight of the cleanup at the Site. Our mission is to protect public health and the environment.

**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):** DTSC, acting as a Responsible Agency under CEQA, intends to rely on the Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND) for the Legacy High School Operable Unit #3 RAP currently under public review. The IS/ND analyzes the environmental effects anticipated from the RAP activities and includes project controls appropriate for the project that have been incorporated into the RAP document. After the LAUSD's final ND certification and filing, DTSC intends to issue CEQA findings and file a Notice of Determination with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research SCH upon approving the RAP.

### Public Comment Period



**November 19 through  
December 23, 2015**

DTSC encourages you to review and comment on the draft RAP. The RAP and other project related documents are available for review at the locations listed in this document on the second page.

DTSC will provide a final approval decision after all public comments have been reviewed. Please submit written comments postmarked, or emailed by no later than 5:00 P.M. on December 23, 2015 to:

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### Public Meeting

A public meeting is scheduled for 6:00 P.M. on December 16, 2015 at Legacy High School Complex, 5225 Tweedy Boulevard, South Gate, CA 90280.



**Site Background and History:** Historically, the Site was used for agriculture before being developed for commercial and industrial purposes, including metal fabrication, welding, parts machining and cleaning, vehicle servicing, and metal finishing.

**Proposed Remedial Actions:** Groundwater investigations at the Site have been studied in multiple phases. Through these investigations, it was determined that shallow groundwater (designated as the A Zone) was where the majority of the contaminated groundwater appears to be impacted. Several volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and other contaminants were detected above their State maximum contaminant drinking water levels in groundwater at the Site. However, it was determined that impacted groundwater at the Site appears to be localized and limited in extent.

The draft RAP presents the proposed activities to clean up the shallow groundwater at the Site. The recommended alternatives identified in the draft RAP are based on the following: overall protection of human health and environment; compliance with laws and regulatory guidance; long term effectiveness; reduction of toxicity, mobility and volume; short-term effectiveness; implementability; cost; and regulatory and community acceptance. There will be no immediate health risk because of the controlled manner in which the contaminated groundwater will be remediated.

**Safety Measures During the Proposed Cleanup:** Precautionary measures will be taken to ensure the safety of the students, staff and the general public while conducting cleanup activities. Fencing will be installed around the work area to limit access to authorized personnel. The equipment located above ground will be installed in a secured compound. All other treatment equipment will be located below ground and will be inaccessible to the public. The sampling programs will be performed to monitor the remediation effectiveness and to ensure public safety.

**Next Steps:** At the close of the public comment period, the DTSC will review and consider all public comments and assess the adequacy of the draft RAP prior to final approval.

A response to comments document will be mailed to everyone who makes a written comment and provides either an email or address.

**Where you can find information:** Copies of the draft RAP and draft IS/ND are available at the following locations:

Legacy High School Complex, 5225 Tweedy Boulevard, South Gate, CA 90280. Phone: (323) 357-7541

City Clerk's Office, City of South Gate City Hall, 8650 California Avenue, South Gate, CA 90280. Phone: (323) 563-9573

DTSC File Room at 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630. Monday - Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

You can also visit the DTSC EnviroStor online website at:

[http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile\\_report.asp?global\\_id=19390050](http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=19390050)

**Who to contact for more information:**

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