



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
on the Draft Removal Action Workplan and Notice of Exemption for the
Loma Rica Ranch Site, Grass Valley, California**

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is seeking public comment on a draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) and Notice of Exemption for the Loma Rica Ranch site. The 450-acre site is located near the intersection of Brunswick and Idaho Maryland Roads in Grass Valley. Past operations at the site contaminated some soil with lead and arsenic. Before the current owner can develop the site they must clean up a small amount (approximately 10 cubic yards) of lead contaminated soil.

Before DTSC can approve a cleanup method, it must meet the requirements of a California state law known as the California Environmental Quality Act (commonly referred to as CEQA). The purpose of CEQA is to analyze if a proposed cleanup could impact the environment. The proposed cleanup at the site involves removal of a relatively small amount of lead contaminated soil in a comparatively short period of time; therefore, DTSC has determined that the proposed cleanup qualifies for a categorical exemption under CEQA. The Notice of Exemption will be available for review and comment during the public comment period.

The public comment period for the draft RAW/Notice of Exemption runs from:

September 10 through October 10, 2007

All written comments must be postmarked no later than October 10, 2007 and should be sent to the attention of Mr. James Rohrer, DTSC Project Manager, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California, 95826-3200. Comments submitted electronically should be sent to Mr. Rohrer at jrohrer@dtsc.ca.gov no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 10, 2007.

The draft RAW/ Notice of Exemption and other related documents are available for review at the:

Grass Valley Public Library
207 Mill Street
Grass Valley, CA 95945
Phone 530-273-4117

The full administrative record and files pertaining to this matter are available for public review at the Department of Toxic Substances Control, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California, 95826-3200. Please call 916-255-3758 to setup an appointment to review the file.

Questions on the draft RAW/ Notice of Exemption should be directed to Mr. Rohrer at (916) 255-3709.