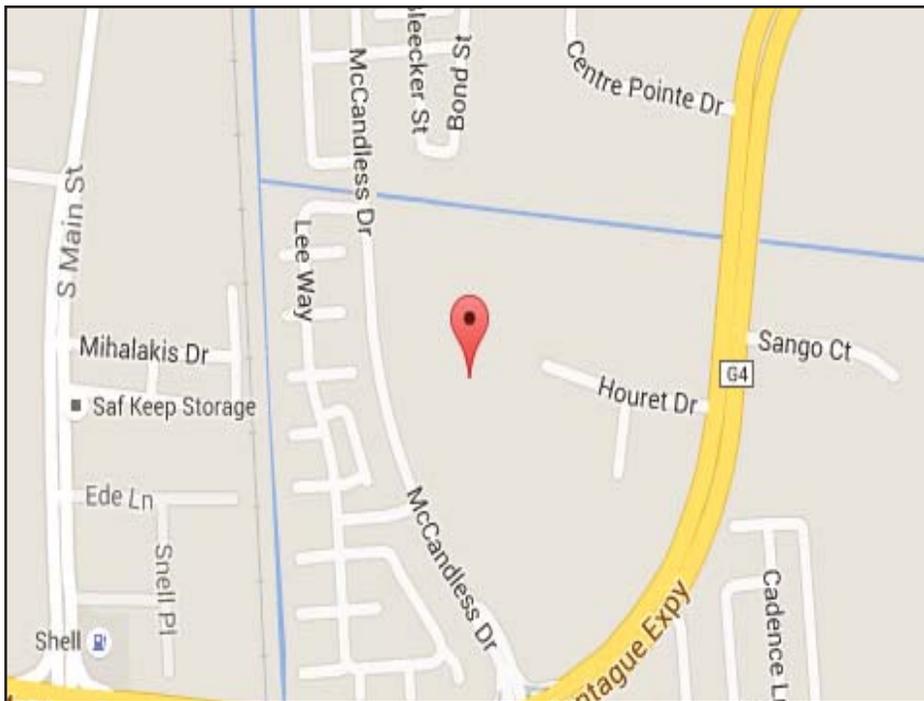


COMMUNITY UPDATE

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.

DRAFT CLEANUP PLAN FOR THE PROPOSED MCCANDLESS SCHOOL SITE



DTSC invites you to review and comment on a draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) (environmental cleanup plan) for the proposed McCandless School Site (Site) located at 1660 and 1750 McCandless Drive, Milpitas, California 95035 for the Milpitas Unified School District (MUSD). The approximately 10-acre property is planned for development as a school site (approximately 6.5 acres owned by the MUSD) and park (approximately 4.2 owned by the City of Milpitas). The school site is planned for a capacity of 800-1,000 students and 50 school staff. The proposed school Site would also include an administrative building, 30-35 classrooms, multi-purpose room, gym/locker rooms, athletic fields and parking areas.

Environmental investigations at the Site found polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), arsenic and naturally occurring asbestos (NOA) in soil above levels considered safe by DTSC and environmental cleanup is required.

Public Comment Period



March 18, 2016 - April 18, 2016

DTSC will accept public comments on the draft RAW during the public comment period from **March 18, 2016 through April 18, 2016**. All comments must be received by **April 18, 2016**. Send all comments to:

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SITE HISTORY AND OPERATIONS

The Site was historically used for agricultural purposes from at least 1939 to the 1960s and used as a construction yard from 1968 to 1974. Three buildings (two were built in 1985 and one was built in 1997) located at the Site were demolished in 2014. Soil fill material has been placed at the southern half of the Site.

ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS

A Preliminary Environmental Assessment of the Site was completed in 2014 and found the chemicals of concern are PCBs, arsenic and NOA. The investigation included the collection of soil, soil-gas, and groundwater samples from locations throughout the property. PCBs were identified in surface and sub-surface soils from undocumented fill material; four locations have elevated arsenic concentrations; and NOA in native soil located beneath the fill material at the Site.

In response to the investigation findings, DTSC required MUSD to prepare a draft RAW to address potential long term risk to human health and the environment by looking over different alternatives and selecting one option for cleanup.

PROPOSED CLEANUP OPTIONS

A combination of an excavation and offsite disposal/treatment/engineering control and institutional control was identified as the proposed alternative in the draft RAW. Approximately 45 cubic yards (cy) of arsenic-contaminated soil would be excavated and disposed at a permitted offsite disposal facility. Bioremediation will be used to treat approximately 16,400 cy PCB-impacted soil. In-situ Bioremediation technique involves the use of bacteria to remove or neutralize pollutants from a contaminated site. The NOA-impacted soil will be addressed by capping (clean soil cap, building foundation, asphalt, and/or vegetation). The specifics will be determined by the construction of the school. This will isolate any contact with site occupants and a long-term Operations and Maintenance Plan will be

implemented.

SAFETY & DUST CONTROL

Large equipment, such as excavators and backhoes, will be used to excavate and stockpile the contaminated soil. Large soil transfer trucks will be used to haul contaminated soil to the off-site disposal facilities. The following actions will be implemented during the soil cleanup process to ensure public safety and minimize dust:

The staging area will be fenced to restrict access;

- Stockpiled soil will be covered with tarps or other protective sheeting;
- Water spray will be used to control dust generation;
- Monitoring of the dust generated during the soil remediation activities will be conducted;
- Tarps or other suitable enclosures will be used on trucks hauling the excavated soil.

SOIL REMOVAL AND TRUCK ROUTE

Propose remedial activities will occur between the hours of 7 A.M. to 5 P.M., Monday - Friday. Approximately 45 cubic yards of contaminated soil will be transported to a State-licensed disposal facility. The trucks (approximately 5 trucks loads) will be operated by a licensed hazardous waste trucking contractor.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

An Environmental Impact Report (EIR), January 2016, has been prepared and adopted by MUSD in January 2016. The EIR was prepared to evaluate the potential impacts that may result from the school construction project, including the draft RAW activities. DTSC intends to rely on MUSD's EIR to comply with CEQA. DTSC has evaluated MUSD's EIR and will adopt a Statement of Findings and file a Notice of Determination (NOD) with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse upon the draft RAWs approval.

NEXT STEPS

At the close of the public comment period, DTSC will review and consider all public comments. We will make any necessary changes to the draft RAW before final



approval. DTSC will send a Response to Comments document to anyone who submits comments.

If DTSC approves the draft RAW, the digging and in-situ bioremediation work will start prior to the construction of the new school, which is slated to begin spring 2016. MUSD plans to prepare a Removal Action Completion Report (RACR) and submit it to DTSC for approval. DTSC will review and may approve the RACR. Then, DTSC would certify that the Site is safe for a school.

INFORMATION REPOSITORIES

You may review the draft RAW, Statement of Findings, draft NOD and other Site-related documents at the following places:

Milpitas Public Library 160 N. Main Street Milpitas, California 95035 (408) 262-1171; Call for hours	Milpitas Unified School District 1331 Calaveras Boulevard Milpitas California 95035 (408) 635-2600; Call for hours	DTSC Sacramento Regional Office 8800 Cal Center Drive Sacramento, California 95826 (916) 255-3758, Call for an appointment
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Site documents are also available on-line at: www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov

EIR REPOSITORY

A copy of the EIR can be requested from the following location:

Milpitas Unified School District
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Contact any of the following individuals with any questions or concerns you may have regarding the project.

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