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Draft Removal Action Workplan for Meadow View Elementary School Expansion Available for Public Review and Comment

The Bellevue Union School District (BUSD) has proposed an expansion project for the existing Meadow View Elementary School (Site) located at 2641 Dutton Meadow in Santa Rosa, California. The Meadow View Elementary School Expansion project will increase the property with the addition of an approximately 1-acre parcel on the northeast side of the existing School.

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is the regulatory agency providing oversight of the environmental investigation and eventual cleanup activities. Dating back to 1915, the 1-acre property was used for residential and low impact agricultural uses (e.g. cultivating a small orchard and raising cattle). Environmental investigations conducted at the Site found elevated levels of chlorinated pesticides (used for termite control) and lead (from lead-based paint) exist in shallow soil in and around the perimeter of several former structures.

There is no immediate health risk to the public, however, before BUSD can move forward with expansion at the Site, the contaminated soil needs to be cleaned up. To that end, a proposed cleanup plan, called a Removal Action Workplan or RAW, was developed and is now available for public review and comment.

Site History

The Site has been a rural residence since its development in the early 1900's. Five structures, including a residence built in 1915, were formerly on the property. The other structures appear to have been built prior to 1965. These four structures were used for agricultural and storage purposes. Currently, the Site is vacant, all the building have been demolished and its grounds are covered by trees, annual grasses, and weeds.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

DTSC encourages you to review and comment on the draft RAW. DTSC will hold a thirty day public comment period beginning **March 3, 2011** and ending on **April 1, 2011**. All comments must be submitted no later than **April 1, 2011**.

Mail written comments to:

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Draft Removal Action Work Plan

The draft RAW summarizes previous investigations, evaluates cleanup alternatives, and identifies preferred alternatives for cleanup of the Site. The cleanup alternatives were considered and evaluated on the basis of their effectiveness, ability to be implemented, and cost.

DTSC will review and consider comments received from the public during the 30-day public comment period before making a final decision to approve, modify, or deny the selected cleanup alternative.

Proposed Cleanup Options

The following four cleanup options for soil are:

Alternative 1 – No Action

Alternative 2– Treatment

Alternative 3– Capping

Alternative 4– Excavation and off-site disposal

DTSC's Cleanup Recommendation

DTSC recommends Alternative 4, *Excavation and Off-site Disposal*. If the draft RAW is approved, approximately 90 cubic yards, or about five truck loads, of impacted soil will be excavated and disposed off-site at a permitted disposal facility. Confirmation soil sampling will be conducted in the excavated areas to ensure that all contaminated soil has been removed.

Contaminated soil will be stockpiled on-site until the excavation activities and confirmation sampling are complete. All soil stockpiles will be located in a designated area, and will be placed on an impermeable material to prevent migration of contamination.

If needed, clean imported soil or other fill material will be used to back fill areas where impacted soil was removed. Imported soil will be accompanied by certificates, analytical data, and other supporting documents that indicate the imported material is suitable for the Site.

Safety and Dust Control

The following activities would occur during the cleanup process:

- Install temporary fencing for security
- Drive all vehicles at slow speeds while on the

property

- Spray work areas with clean water to control dust
- Inspect and secure trucks with covers before leaving the Site
- Brush all truck tires before entering and leaving the Site to remove soil and debris
- Monitor the air at the Site to ensure the amount of dust stays at safe levels

Time Line and Truck Route

The removal action will be implemented in one phase. Excavation activities and off-site disposal is scheduled to take one week to complete. Work will occur between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

The trucks will be operated by a licensed hazardous waste trucking contractor. Trucks will exit the Site and drive north on Dutton Meadow to Hearn Avenue. Trucks will then turn East on to Hearn Avenue then south onto Corby Avenue then entering US 101-South.

California Environmental Quality Act

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project. The draft NOE states that the cleanup method being proposed will not have an impact on the environment. The NOE is available for public review in the information repositories established for this Site.

Next Steps

DTSC will prepare a "Response to Comments" document at the completion of the public comment period. This document compiles all comments received during the public comment period and provides responses to each comment. Anyone who submits comments will receive a copy of the "Response to Comments." Those who did not submit comments may also receive a copy if they request one. Lastly, copies will be available at the information repositories established for this Site and online at <http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov>.

Information Repositories

The draft RAW and other related documents may be viewed at the following locations:

Sonoma County Library

Central Branch
211 E Street
Santa Rosa, California 95404
(707)545-0831
(Please call for days and hours of operation)

Bellevue Union School District

Mr. Tony Roehrick
3223 Primrose Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95407
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Department of Toxic Substances Control

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Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
(916) 255-3758
(By appointment only)

For More Information About DTSC

Information regarding the project can also be viewed electronically at:

<http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov>, enter ‘Santa Rosa’ in the ‘City’ field, click ‘Get Report,’ find ‘Meadow View Elementary School’ from the list, and click “Report” on the left.

DTSC Contact Information

Please contact any of the following individuals with any questions or concerns you may have regarding the project.

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TDD users can obtain information regarding this project by using the California Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378. Ask the operator to be connect to Veronica Lopez-Villaseñor, Public Participation Specialist at (916) 255-3594.

Location of the Site

