



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Draft Cleanup Plan For The Proposed New Martin/Road 26 High School Is Available For Review Madera, California



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: February 17, 2009 through March 18, 2009

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

A draft cleanup plan to remove soil containing cadmium, organochlorine pesticides, and petroleum hydrocarbons from the New Martin/Road 26 High School is available for public review and comment. The draft plan, also known as a Removal Action Workplan (RAW) was submitted by the Madera Unified School District (MUSD) for property located on the southeast corner of Martin Street and Road 26, in Madera, CA. The new school will consist of classrooms, a gymnasium, and administration buildings, as well as athletic fields for approximately 2,500 students.

There is no immediate health risk because the public is not exposed to the contaminated soil. However, because exposure to elevated levels of cadmium, dieldrin, chlordane, toxaphene, DDT, DDE, motor oil and diesel fuel contamination can cause adverse health effects, DTSC recommended that the school district prepare a cleanup plan to remove and dispose the contaminated soil to protect the future occupants, students and staff who will attend the new school. DTSC will oversee the clean up that will take place prior to construction of the new school and will ensure that it is performed in a manner that does not harm people or the environment.

The Site consists of nine contiguous parcels totaling approximately 57 acres in size. The Site included six rural residences and has been used for agricultural farming, pastures and an equipment storage business.

The draft RAW proposes removal and off-site disposal of approximately 761 cubic yards (about 45 truckloads) of contaminated soil.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT - NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

DTSC evaluated any possible impacts of the removal action for this project, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act. DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) which states that this removal action will not have significant impacts on the environment. The draft NOE is available for public review, along with other supporting documents.

WHY THIS NOTICE?

The purpose of this notice is to provide you with the opportunity to learn more about the project and to provide comments to DTSC, concerning the proposed soil removal action, within thirty (30) days of this notice.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the Draft RAW may be submitted in writing to Mr. Jose Luevano, DTSC Project Manager, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826, or email: Jluevano@dtsc.ca.gov. All mail must be postmarked by 5 PM on March 18, 2009. Emailed comments must be received by DTSC no later than 5 PM on the same date.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft RAW and NOE are available for review in the Information Repositories located at Madera Library, 121 North G Street, Madera, California 93637, or Department of Toxic Substances Control, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Mr. Jose Luevano, DTSC Project Manager, at (916) 255-3577 or by e-mail to Jluevano@dtsc.ca.gov. For public participation activities, please contact Ms. Tammy Pickens, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (916) 255-3594 or by e-mail to TPickens@dtsc.ca. Members of the media should contact Ms. Claudia Loomis, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (916) 255-6578 or by email to CLoomis@dtsc.ca.gov.