

# 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 Proposed Pathway High School Independent Studies (a Portion of Hosler Middle School) Available for Public Review and Comment

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public review and comment on a proposed cleanup plan at an undeveloped and unoccupied portion of the Hosler Middle School campus located at 11387 Bullis Road, Lynwood, California (Site). The proposed cleanup plan, called a draft Removal Action Work Plan (RAW), was developed specifically for a small portion of the campus to allow the Lynwood Unified School District (LUSD) to move forward with their proposed Pathway High School Independent Studies project (Project). The Project includes installing modular buildings to house approximately 14 students and five faculty personnel. The RAW and Project are being funded through Bond Measure K, which was approved by the residents of the City of Lynwood in November 2012.

Environmental investigations at the Site found small areas of lead- and dieldrin-contaminated soil. DTSC has determined these contaminants present in soil are above DTSC's protective standards and required LUSD to develop a cleanup plan to remove the contaminated soil and support Project development. If approved, DTSC will oversee the measures that will be implemented during the RAW (soil removal activities). **There is no immediate health or safety risk** from the contaminants because the public and school occupants are not exposed and the area is fenced off and used by faculty for parking. This Community Update provides additional information on:

- Site History & Investigation
- Proposed Remedy Options
- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- How You Can Participate
- Where to Find Site Documents
- Next Steps
- Who To Contact For More Information

### Site History & Investigation

The Site consisted of undeveloped and possibly agricultural land through the mid-1940s. Several warehouse buildings constructed at the Site in the 1940s were initially used for military storage. Subsequently, LUSD took over the property and used the buildings for school supply storage. Other building uses included an auto repair shop, equipment/storage, and gasoline storage and dispenser. An underground storage tank was removed in 1989 and the buildings were demolished in early 2015.

A Site investigation was conducted in 2015 and 2016, and over 100 soil and soil gas samples were collected. Lead and organochlorine pesticide (OCP) compound i.e., dieldrin, were identified at levels above their safety standards at sporadic locations.

### Public Comment Period



**October 19th - November 18th, 2017**

DTSC encourages you to review and comment on the draft Removal Action Work Plan (RAW).

A 30-day public comment period is being held to receive public comments on the draft RAW. **All public comments must be postmarked or e-mailed by November 18th, 2017, and sent to:**

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To learn more about this project, the draft RAW and other project related documents are available for review electronically at [www.EnviroStor.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.EnviroStor.dtsc.ca.gov), and for hard copy document viewing, please visit the Information Repositories at the locations listed on page 2 inside this Community Notice.

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In response to the investigation findings, DTSC requires a draft RAW be prepared. The objective of the draft RAW is to address lead- and dieldrin-impacted soil to protect future site occupants by evaluating different cleanup alternatives and selecting the best alternative.

### Proposed Remedy Options

The following remedy options were considered:

- Alternative 1 – No Further Action
- Alternative 2 – Soil Containment/Capping-in-Place
- Alternative 3 – Excavation/Disposal

Based on a careful analysis of effectiveness, implementability, and cost, DTSC recommends Alternative 3 that proposes excavation, off-site removal of about 148 cubic yards of lead- and dieldrin-impacted soil, and transport to an approved disposal facility.

Excavation work should take about two (2) days to complete and about 14 trucks will be needed to transport the non-hazardous soil from the site. LUSD contractors will spray water on soil to keep down dust and implement decontamination procedures to ensure impacted soil stays within work areas. Air quality will be monitored to ensure dust levels remain protective of the community.

### California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

DTSC (acting as a Responsible Agency) is required by CEQA to review environmental activities for the possibility of impacts before approving the project. DTSC has determined that this soil removal action will not have a significant effect on human health and the environment due to the small volume of soil involved and the short duration of excavation activity, and thus prepared a CEQA Notice of Exemption.

### How You Can Participate

We want to know what you think and encourage your participation. A 30-day public comment period is being held to receive public comments on the draft RAW. **The 30-day public comment period begins October 19th, and ends November 18th, 2017. All public comments must be postmarked or e-mailed no later than November 18th, 2017, and sent to:**

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### Where to Find Site Documents

The draft RAW and other Site-related documents are available for review at the following locations:

#### Lynwood Library

11320 Bullis Road  
Lynwood, CA 90262  
(310) 635-7121  
Monday – Thursday: 10 am – 8 pm  
Friday: 10 am – 6 pm - Saturday: 9 am – 5 pm  
Sunday: Closed

#### DTSC File Room

5796 Corporate Avenue  
Cypress, CA 90630-4732  
(714) 484-5337 Call for an appointment  
Monday – Friday: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

#### Online

Site documents are also available online at: [www.EnviroStor.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.EnviroStor.dtsc.ca.gov): (Enter “Lynwood”, Scroll to Pathway High School Independent Study or ID = 60002300).



### **Next Steps**

At the close of the public comment period, DTSC will review and consider all public comments prior to final approval of the RAW. After DTSC approves the final RAW, LUSD's selected contractor will remove the impacted soil. A Removal Action Completion Report (RACR) will be prepared and submitted to DTSC following confirmation testing that confirms impacted soil has been removed and cleanup goals have been met. After DTSC approves the RACR, LUSD will begin installation of the new modular building, likely in fall of 2017.

### **Who To Contact for More Information**

If you have any questions about the draft RAW, Site investigation, or other related project activities, please contact the following DTSC staff:

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