



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

DRAFT REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN

PROPOSED SOUTH REGION HIGH SCHOOL #2

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

COMMUNITY MEETING: October 2, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

Location: Edison Middle School Auditorium

Address: 6500 Hooper Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90001

Public Comment Period: September 14, 2007 to October 15, 2007

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the draft Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for the Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) proposed South Region High School #2 site. This workplan addresses the removal and off-site disposal of about 78,854 cubic yards (118,282 tons) of soil from the site. The proposed school is 15.91 acres in size and is bounded by East 61st Street to the north, Gage Avenue to the south, South Central Avenue to the west, and Hooper Avenue to the east in the Florence community of Los Angeles County. During the site investigations, total petroleum hydrocarbon (TPH), volatile organic compounds (VOCs), metals and lead were detected in soils in concentrations exceeding DTSC health risk levels for school sites. DTSC recommended LAUSD to remove the contaminated soil and transport it to permitted off-site disposal facility.

DTSC has prepared a draft Initial Study and a Negative Declaration for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Initial Study states that the proposed cleanup will not have a significant negative effect on the human health and the environment because of the defined amount of contaminated soil to be removed and the controlled way in which the contaminated soils will be dug out, loaded onto trucks and taken away to an approved/permited off-site facility for lawful disposal.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

This notice is to provide the interested community the opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to DTSC about the proposed cleanup during a thirty (30) day public comment period that starts on September 14, 2007 and end on October 15, 2007.

A public meeting will be held on October 2, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Edison Middle School Auditorium, 6500 Hooper Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90001. Comments concerning the draft RAP may be submitted in writing to: Aldo Chaney, Project Manager, at the DTSC address listed below, and must be postmarked by October 15, 2007.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft RAP and other project documents are available at the Florence Library, 1610 East Florence Avenue, Los Angeles; Miramonte Elementary School, 1400 East 68th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90001; Fremont High School, 7676 South San Pedro Street, Los Angeles, and at laschools.org. In addition, all site documents and the full Administrative Record pertaining to this project are available for review during office hours at the DTSC Regional Records Office, 1101 North Grandview Avenue, Glendale, CA 90201. Contact: Jone Barrio at (818) 551-2886.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the removal, please contact Ms. Maya Akula, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (866) 495-5611, press option 3 and then 1, or email: makula@dtsc.ca.gov; or Aldo Chaney, DTSC Project Manager, at (818) 551-2972 or email: achaney@dtsc.ca.gov.

Si desea información en español, comuníquese con: Javier Hinjosa (818) 551-2172