



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN
SIERRA TERRACE
GRASS VALLEY, CALIFORNIA



Public Comment Period: March 14 to April 14, 2008

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan (draft RAW) for the Sierra Terrace site in Grass Valley, California.

The Draft RAW proposes to excavate soil contaminated with arsenic, oil, and lead and ship it to an off-site permitted disposal site. About 180 truckloads will remove the contaminated soil from the site over a three week time span.

During the environmental investigation, soil contaminated with arsenic, oil and lead were detected in samples at levels that may pose a health risk. Also, the detected soil gas concentrations of tetrachloroethene, trichloroethene, and benzene indicate the potential for risk to future residents.

There is no immediate health risk because the soil gas contamination, lead and arsenic are below ground surface. Nevertheless, DTSC recommends a plan be developed to remove the contaminated soil to protect future property residents. Further to avoid risk to future residents, DTSC will require liners composed of high density polyethylene and horizontal venting systems be installed below the locations where new homes will be built to prevent the movement of tetrachloroethene, trichloroethene, and benzene vapors into those homes. As a result of these requirements, the new home properties will have a deed restriction.

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC has prepared a proposed Notice of Exemption. DTSC considers this site to be exempt since it will not have a significant negative impact on human health and the environment. The lack of impact stems from the relatively short duration and the controlled manner in which the soil will be excavated, loaded onto trucks, and taken off-site for disposal.

This public notice provides you with an opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to DTSC about the proposed cleanup during the public comment period. Your participation is encouraged. Comments about the Draft RAW may be submitted in writing to Jim Rohrer, Project Manager, DTSC, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento CA 95826, e-mail address: JRohrer@dtsc.ca.gov. Comments must be post-marked or e-mailed by April 14, 2008.

You may review a copy of the Draft RAW, and other project documents at the Grass Valley Public Library, Royce Branch, 207 Mill Street, in Grass Valley. You may also review the documents at the: DTSC File Room 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826. Please contact Bobbi Jensen at (916) 255-3758 to make the necessary arrangements. Further, these documents are available on the DTSC web site at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/

If you have questions regarding this project, please contact: Jim Rohrer, Project Manager at (916) 255-3709 or via email at JRohrer@dtsc.ca.gov, or or Nathan Schumacher, Public Participation Specialist at (916) 255-3650 or via email at NSchumac@dtsc.ca.gov. You may also reach Nathan Schumacher by calling toll free: (866) 495-5651, press 1, then press 5.

For media inquiries, please contact Jeanne Garcia, Public Information Officer, at (818) 717-6573 or e-mail at JGarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov.

Hearing-impaired individuals can obtain additional information about the site by using the California State Relay Service at 1 (888) 877-5378 (TDD). Ask them to contact Nathan Schumacher at (916) 255-3650 regarding the Sierra Terrace project.