



# NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

## DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN PROPOSED VALLEY REGION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #10 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

**COMMUNITY MEETING:** October 25, 2007, 6:30 PM  
Sutter Middle School, Auditorium, 7330 Winnetka Avenue, Canoga Park

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** October 11 – November 9, 2007

### WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) proposed Valley Region Elementary School #10 site. This workplan addresses the removal and off-site disposal of approximately 5,000 tons of soil (about 209 truckloads). The proposed 3.53-acre site is located on a northeastern portion of the existing John A. Sutter Middle School. The site is bordered by West Valerio Street to the north, North Lubao Avenue to the east, and Sutter Middle School to the south and west, in the Canoga Park community of Los Angeles. During the site investigations, arsenic, lead, chlordane and dieldrin were detected in shallow soils and soil mounds, in concentrations exceeding DTSC health risk levels for school sites. It is estimated that soil will have to be excavated to a maximum depth of three feet. DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this soil removal pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This project is considered exempt from CEQA since it will not have a significant negative impact on the human health and the environment because of the relatively short duration and the controlled manner in which the contaminated soils will be excavated, loaded onto trucks and taken off-site for disposal/treatment.

### 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-day public comment period that starts on October 11, 2007, and ends on November 9, 2007. A public meeting will be held on October 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Sutter Middle School. Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the draft RAW may be submitted in writing to Ann Chang, Project Manager, at the DTSC address listed below, and must be postmarked by **November 9, 2007**.

### WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft RAW and other project documents are available at the Sutter Middle School, 7330 Winnetka Ave., Winnetka; Fullbright Elementary School, 6940 Fullbright Ave., Canoga Park; Winnetka Avenue Elementary School, 8240 Winnetka Ave., Canoga Park; Canoga Park Branch Library, 20939 Sherman Way, Canoga Park; West Valley Regional Library, 19036 Vanowen St., Reseda; LAUSD Superintendent, Local District 1, 6621 Balboa Blvd., Van Nuys; and at [www.laschools.org](http://www.laschools.org). Also, 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, 1011 N. Grandview Ave., Glendale, CA 91201. Contact: Regional File Coordinator at (818) 551-2800.

### CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Cynthia Miller, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (818) 551-2846 or email: [cmiller@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:cmiller@dtsc.ca.gov); or Ann Chang, DTSC Project Manager, at (818) 551-2834 or email: [achang@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:achang@dtsc.ca.gov).

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