



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Remedial Investigation Report for Watson Park Site is Available for Review San Jose, California



PUBLIC MEETING: January 24, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is providing the results of the Remedial Investigation (RI), known as the Preliminary Waste Characterization Report for the Watson Park Site (Site) located in San Jose, California. A RI is an in-depth study designed to gather data needed to determine the nature and extent of contamination at a Site. You are invited to attend a public meeting on January 24, 2007 to discuss the results of the investigation.

At Watson Park in 2004 during the construction of a new skate park, ash and other debris were uncovered from a former burn dump and landfill that was closed in the early 1930s. After a soil investigation, elevated levels of lead and other contaminants were found in soil samples taken throughout Watson Park and several private residential properties. As a precautionary measure to protect public health, the Park was closed and fenced off in August 2005.

Since that time, extensive investigations at the site have determined that elevated levels of contamination (primarily lead) exist in soil in the southern portion of Watson Park, under Empire Gardens Elementary School and on some adjacent residential properties along Terrace Drive. Contamination was not found in the dog park, the soccer bowl, in Coyote Creek, along 21st Street or Jackson Avenue. Elevated levels of contamination were not found in groundwater or surface water at the Site.

WHY THIS NOTICE?

The purpose of this notice is to inform you that the Remedial Investigation Report is available on the DTSC website and to invite you to the public meeting on January 24, 2007.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

Your participation is encouraged. Questions concerning the RI may be addressed at the public meeting. The meeting will held on January 24, 2007, at the Empire Gardens Elementary School, 1060 E. Empire Street, San Jose, California at 6:30 p.m.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the RI and other related documents are available in the Information Repositories located at the Northside Community Center, 488 North 6th Street, San Jose, California, Empire Gardens Elementary School, 1060 E. Empire St., San Jose, California, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, 2nd Floor Reference Desk, 150 East San Fernando Street, San Jose, California, and the Department of Toxic Substances Control, 700 Heinz Avenue, Oakland, California. **The RI report is also available on the DTSC website at: http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=70000112**

CONTACT:

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