



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD



### Draft Removal Action Workplan for Oakland Unified School District Downtown Education Complex Oakland, California

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: March 5 through April 5, 2012**

**WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?** The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is overseeing the investigation and Phase II cleanup of the Oakland Unified School District, Downtown Education Complex project. The portion of the site which will be addressed in the Phase II RAW is located between 3rd Avenue, 4th Avenue, East 10th Street and approximately 75 feet northeast of East 11th Street, and includes the area of the former Yuk Yau Annex and its playground which is located west of the intersection of 3rd Avenue and East 11th Street. Phase II will be completed in two stages (Stage I and Stage II). Stage I will include the western portion of the southeastern area, including the Harper Building, the Auto Shop, the Centro Infantil Annex, a couple of portable units, and the abandon heating oil underground storage tank near the former Yuk Yau Child Development Center areas. Stage II will include the remaining portions of the eastern portion of the southeastern area, including the La Escuelita Elementary School and the former Yuk Yau Child Development Center areas. If approved, approximately 3,800 cubic yards (approximately 320 truckloads) of contaminated soil will be excavated and disposed of at an off-site permitted facility. Following removal of impacted soil, and prior to construction of the building foundations, a vapor barrier and sub-slab ventilation system will be installed within the building footprint of each building constructed. Soil excavation and transportation, and vapor barriers and ventilation systems may take approximately three months to complete. Stage I is expected to begin in September 2012. Stage II is expected to begin in February 2014.

Environmental investigations of the Phase II area indicate that shallow soils have been impacted with lead, arsenic, and organochlorine pesticides (OCPs), and that deeper soils, and soil gas have been impacted with total petroleum hydrocarbon (TPH) compounds, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and volatile organic compounds (VOCs).

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT-NOTICE OF EXEMPTION:** The construction of the Downtown Educational Complex is categorically exempt from the CEQA process because the site is not changing use, only replacing existing structures, the expansion of student capacity is less than 25 percent and there will be fewer than 10 additional classrooms. However, because there have been environmental impacts detected on site and a removal action will be performed, an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) was prepared to describe how the removal action will avoid or mitigate the potential environmental effects to a point where no significant effects would occur and has determined that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment. For additional information regarding CEQA can be found in the repositories listed below.

**WHY THIS NOTICE?** The purpose of this notice is to provide you with the opportunity to learn more about the project and to provide comments to DTSC concerning the soil removal action that is proposed in the draft RAW.

**HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?** Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the draft RAW may be submitted in writing to Jose Luevano, DTSC Project Manager, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California, 95826 or email [JLuevano@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:JLuevano@dtsc.ca.gov). All mailed and emailed comments must be received by April 5, 2012.

**WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?** A copy of the draft RAW, CEQA IS/MND, and a fact Sheet are available for review by appointment at:

OUSD Administrative Building  
1025 2nd Avenue, Rm 406  
Oakland, California 94606  
(510) 879-8535

Oakland Main Library  
125 14th Street  
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DTSC-Sacramento Regional Office  
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