



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Draft Removal Action Workplan For The New Elementary School Is Available For Review Vacaville, California



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: October 4, 2006 through November 2, 2006

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

The Vacaville Unified School District (VUSD) plans to build a new elementary school, known as Site 2C/2D (Site) located at the intersection of Browns Valley Road and McMurtry, Vacaville, California. The proposed new school will consist of a 50,000 square foot building including 24 classrooms, 2 assessment rooms, a multi-purpose room, kitchen, and staff offices. The school is planned to house up to approximately 650 students.

The Site consists of two adjacent parcels (2C/2D) totaling 20.58 acres. Site 2C has been rural residential land since 1974. Approximately three-quarters of the 2C property are planted with walnut trees. Site 2D has been rural residential property since 1971. Approximately one-half of the 2D property was planted with walnut trees until 1989. The structures on the Site include residences, storage sheds, and a man-made fish pond.

On behalf of VUSD, Padre Associates, Inc has prepared a draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) that describes the investigation, contamination found, and the proposed activities for cleanup of the site, to be completed prior to school construction.

The Draft RAW proposes removal and off-site disposal of approximately 530 cubic yards (30-35 truckloads) of soil containing pesticides, including chlordane, DDD (dichlorodiphenyldichloroethane), DDE (dichlorodiphenyldichloroethylene), DDT (dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane), dieldrin, and heptachlor epoxide at the proposed Site.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT - NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

DTSC evaluated any possible impacts of the Removal Action for this project, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act. DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) which states that this removal action will not have significant impacts on the environment. The draft NOE is available for public review, along with other supporting documents. The Draft NOE is available for review at the Information 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 proposed soil removal action, within thirty (30) days of this notice.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the Draft RAW may be submitted in writing to Ms. Kamili Siglowide, DTSC Project Manager, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826, or email: Ksiglowi@dtsc.ca.gov. All mail must be postmarked by 5 PM on November 2, 2006. Emailed comments must be received by DTSC no later than 5 PM on the same date.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the Draft RAW and NOE are available for review in the Information Repositories located at Vacaville Unified School District, Attn: John Aycock, Superintendent, 751 School Street, Vacaville, CA 95688, or Vacaville Library – Town Square, 1 Town Square, Vacaville, CA 95688, or Department of Toxic Substances Control, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826. You can also review the draft RAW on the DTSC website at:

http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=48010003

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Ms. Kamili Siglowide, DTSC Project Manager, at (916) 255-6527 or by e-mail to Ksiglowi@dtsc.ca.gov. For public participation activities, please contact Ms. Kim Rhodes, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (916) 255-3651 or by e-mail to Krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov. Members of the media should contact Ms. Carol Singleton, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (916) 255-6578 or by email to Csinglet@dtsc.ca.gov.

