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SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT MANUAL (SEAM) INTERIM GUIDANCE DOCUMENT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS AND INVESTIGATIONS OF SCHOOL SITES DRAFT GUIDANCE DOCUMENT AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

Public Comment Period: Aug 25, 2008, Extended to Oct 7, 2008

The public is invited to review and comment on a draft guidance document titled, *School Environmental Assessment Manual (SEAM), Interim Guidance Document for Environmental Assessments and Investigations of School Sites*. The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) developed this guidance document as a comprehensive reference for conducting environmental assessments and investigations for proposed school site acquisition and new school building construction. This guidance document is intended for use by school districts, county offices of education, charter entities, and their qualified environmental assessors.

The guidance document applies to school districts, county offices of education, and charter entities seeking state funding pursuant to the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998 (Ed. Code, tit. 1, div. 1, pt. 10, ch. 12.5) to acquire, build upon, or expand school properties in accordance with Education Code section 17078.54, subdivision (c)(1)(A) (charter schools) or sections 17268 and 17213.1 (public schools). These statutes require environmental review, under DTSC oversight, of proposed school site acquisitions and construction of new school buildings, with the exception of minor additions exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Education Code section 17268, subdivision (c).

All comments on the draft guidance document received by DTSC on or before **October 7, 2008**, 5 p.m., will be considered before the guidance document is finalized. Please submit comments by standard mail, fax, or e-mail to: Cynthia Miller, Public Participation Specialist, Department of Toxic Substances Control, 9211 Oakdale Avenue, Chatsworth, CA 91311-6505, Phone: (818) 717-6568 Fax: (818) 717-6575, E-mail: cmiller@dtsc.ca.gov.

WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION

The draft guidance document and associated fact sheet are available at the DTSC offices listed below and on-line at http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/Schools/index.cfm#Advisories_and_Guidance.

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