



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

**Harvest House Church Cleans Up
Soil Contamination
42055 Blacow Road and 42483 Fremont Boulevard
Fremont, California**



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: August 23, 2006 through September 21, 2006

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

The Harvest House Church is proposing to cleanup the property located in the northwest corner of Blacow Road and Fremont Boulevard, Fremont, California.

Elevated levels of arsenic were found in the soil on the property. The Harvest House Church is cleaning up the site, so new single-family homes can be built upon the 5.3-acre site. A proposed cleanup plan (Draft Removal Action Workplan or Draft RAW) has been submitted to the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) for review and approval. DTSC is providing oversight of the cleanup on the property.

The Draft RAW proposes to remove approximately 550 cubic yards (approximately 27 truckloads) of contaminated soil. The cleanup of the property is protective of human health and will allow residential land use. The contaminated soil will be disposed at an appropriate landfill.

Based on historical information, the site was used for agricultural purposes from at least the late 1930's until 1958 when it was first developed as a Church. The Church was expanded with additional buildings in the late 1950's and early 1960's. A Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) substation was located in the northwestern corner of the Site from at least the late 1930's to 1971. Although PG&E equipment has been removed from this area, the original concrete pads are still present. The arsenic contamination is believed to come from use as an herbicide at the PG&E substation.

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.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the Draft RAW may be submitted in writing to Ms. Katharine Hilf, DTSC Project Manager, 700 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, California 94710 or email: Khilf@dtsc.ca.gov. All mail must be postmarked by 5:00 p.m. on September 21, 2006. Emailed comments must be received by DTSC no later than 5:00 p.m. on the same date.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT - NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC has evaluated the project to determine potential environmental impacts of the proposed cleanup plan. DTSC has determined that the proposed cleanup plan is exempt from CEQA and would have no negative impact on the environment and public health. Therefore, DTSC is proposing to issue a Notice of Exemption for the project.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the Draft RAW and NOE are available for review in the Information Repositories located at the Fremont Public Library, Irvington Branch, 41825 Greenpark Drive, Fremont, CA 94538, (510) 795-2631 or DTSC File Room, 700 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94710, (510) 540-3800.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Katharine Hilf, DTSC Project Manager, at (510) 540-3817 or Khilf@dtsc.ca.gov. For public participation activities, please contact Ms. Kim Rhodes, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (916) 255-3651 or Krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov. Members of the media should contact Ms. Angela Blanchette, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (510) 540-3732 or email Ablanche@dtsc.ca.gov.