

Public Notice

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and the environment from harmful effects of toxic substances through the restoration of contaminated resources, enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.

New Murray Middle School Proposed Cleanup Plan, Ridgecrest, California PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: August 26, 2015 to September 25, 2015

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the Sierra Sands Unified School District's New Murray Middle School (Site). The New Murray Middle School will be constructed at the northwest corner of East Drummond Avenue and East French Avenue, adjacent to the city of Ridgecrest in Kern County, California. The Workplan (RAW), describes the environmental investigations, results, and the recommended option to clean up contaminated soil at the Site.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

DTSC evaluated possible environmental impacts associated with the proposed cleanup of this Site, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The proposed cleanup project is within the scope of and is adequately addressed in the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) approved earlier. Based on the IS/MND, DTSC does not expect the proposed cleanup to have significant negative impacts on the environment and change the findings of the IS/MND. As a Responsible Agency, DTSC plans to file a Notice of Determination with the State Clearinghouse upon project approval.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

We encourage your participation. Comments on the draft RAW may be submitted in writing to Aslam Shareef, DTSC Project Manager. All emailed or written comments must be received or postmarked no later than **September 25, 2015**. All comments will be carefully reviewed before making a final decision on the draft RAW. Notification of the final decision and a copy of DTSC's response to comments will be provided to those who submit comments and their contact information.

SITE INFORMATION AVAILABILITY

Site documents are online at http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=60001935# and these repositories:

Sierra Sands Unified School District – 113 West Felspar Ave., Ridgecrest, CA 93555. Contact: Pamela Pence (760) 499-5300.

Ridgecrest Community Library – 131 E. Las Flores Ave., Ridgecrest, CA 93555. Hours: Tues – Thurs 11am – 7pm, Fri. & Sat. 9am – 5pm, Mon. & Sun. Closed. Phone: (760) 384-5870.

Former Vieweg Elementary School (Current Project Offices) – 348 Rowe St., Ridgecrest, CA 93555. Contact: Pamela Pence (760) 499-5300.

Naval Air Weapons Station, China Lake – 429 E. Bowen Road, Stop 4001, China Lake, CA 93555. Contact: Tim Fox (760) 939-9438.

Department of Toxic Substances Control Regional Records Office – 5796 Corporate Ave., Cypress, CA 90630. Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8am – 5pm, contact Jone Barrio for an appointment (714) 484-5336.

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