



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN PROPOSED NEW RAMONA OPPORTUNITY HIGH SCHOOL LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Public Comment Period: January 18, 2007 – February 1, 2007

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the draft Removal Action Work Plan (RAW) for the proposed new Ramona Opportunity High School site. The site is located at the northeast corner of Alma Avenue and 3rd Street in Los Angeles. This workplan addresses the removal and off-site disposal of approximately 183 cubic yards (238 tons) of contaminated soil from properties owned by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) located at 208-234 South Alma Avenue and 3633-3643 East 3rd Street. Metro is conducting the environmental investigations prior to turning them over to the Los Angeles Unified School District for the reconfiguration of Ramona Opportunity High School. In exchange for the property, Metro will receive a portion of the existing Ramona Opportunity High School property for the Eastside Light Rail Transit Line extension that will serve East Los Angeles. During the site investigation, lead and dieldrin (a pesticide) were detected in shallow soils in concentrations exceeding DTSC health risk levels for school sites. Metro proposes to remove the contaminated soil and transport them to a permitted off-site disposal facility. It is estimated that soil will have to be excavated between 1 to 1.5 feet below ground surface. DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this soil removal pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This project is considered exempt since it will not have a significant negative impact on human health and the environment because of the relatively short duration and the controlled manner in which the contaminated soil will be managed.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

This notice is to provide the interested public the opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to DTSC concerning the proposed RAW during a fifteen (15) day public comment period that starts on January 18, 2007, and ends on February 1, 2007. Your participation is encouraged. Written comments concerning the draft RAW may be submitted to Jenny Au, Project Manager, at the DTSC address listed below, and must be postmarked by February 1, 2007.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft RAW and other project documents are available at the Ramona Opportunity High School, 231 South Alma Avenue, Los Angeles, CA; Benjamin Franklin Library, 2200 East 1st Street, Los Angeles, CA; and East Los Angeles Library, 4837 East 3rd Street, Los Angeles, CA. Also, all site documents and the full Administrative Record pertaining to this project are available for review during office hours at the DTSC Regional Records Office, 1011 North Grandview Avenue, Glendale, CA 91201. Contact: Jone Barrio, (818) 551-2886.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Marina Pérez, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (818) 551-2875 or email: mperez@dtsc.ca.gov; or Jenny Au, DTSC Project Manager, at (818) 551-2905 or email: jau@dtsc.ca.gov.

*Si desea información en español, comuníquese con: Marina Pérez,
Especialista en Participación Pública del DTSC, al (818) 551-2875.*