

**Fact Sheet #3
January 2003**

**WILLIAM MEAD
NORTH OF CARDINAL STREET**



DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC
SUBSTANCES CONTROL

DTSC is one of six Boards and Departments within the California Environmental Protection Agency. The Department's mission is to restore, protect and enhance the environment, to ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality, by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.

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William Mead, North of Cardinal Street

We are sending this fact sheet to you with information on a proposed cleanup option for the area known as north of Cardinal Street at William Mead Homes (WMH). The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) has submitted the document called draft Remedial Action Plan (RAP) that details a proposed plan to clean up the soil. This document and supporting documents are available for you to review and make comments.

SOIL SAMPLING

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) tested the soil in the area north of Cardinal Street. The soil test results showed that some areas are contaminated with lead. The highest amount of lead detected was 6,770 parts per million (ppm).

WHAT ARE THE HEALTH EFFECTS?

A human health risk study was completed for WMH and it shows a possible health hazard if children have direct contact with soil that is above the State of California recommended cleanup level of 300ppm. An example of direct contact is

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**PUBLIC MEETING
JANUARY 29, 2003**

The meeting will give you more information on the proposed cleanup option. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and give comments on the proposed cleanup option.

Date: Thursday, January 29, 2003

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: William Mead Homes
Community Building
1300 Cardinal Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

For more information contact,
Mr. Derrick Alatorre, Public Participation
Specialist, (714) 484-5474

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when children play in the soil and then put their hands or fingers in their mouth. To prevent direct contact, DTSC requires HACLA to maintain the grass over contaminated soil.

WHAT ARE THE CLEANUP OPTIONS?

We studied four options to clean up the contamination at WMH. The goal is to reduce people's exposure to the contaminated dirt. The four options are:

Option 1 - No Action (for comparison purposes only)

Option 2 - Capping with Controls

Option 3 - Removal of Contaminated Soil and Off Site Treatment and Recycling

Option 4 - Removal of Contaminated Soil and Off Site Disposal

WHAT IS THE RECOMMENDED CLEANUP OPTION?

Option 3, removal of the contaminated soil for offsite treatment and recycling is our recommended option. This will eliminate direct contact with contaminated soil.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD JANUARY 15 - FEBRUARY 18, 2003

Your comments on this project are important to us. A Public Comment period has been chosen to give you the opportunity to give comments to the proposed cleanup plan. Also, as part of the cleanup process, we are required to look at what effects the cleanup will have on people and the environment. Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), we have prepared a Draft Notice of Negative Declaration for this project. We do not feel there will be a negative effect on the community or the environment. You will also have the opportunity to make comments to this document.

The comments you submit will be considered before we make a final decision. You can give spoken or written comments at the Public Meeting or you can mail comments to us during the public comment period. Ensure all mail is post-

marked by February 18, 2003 and send to:

Mr. Ryan Kinsella
Project Manager
Department of Toxic Substances Control
1011 Grandview Ave
Glendale, CA 91201

If you wish to read the draft RAP or other documents in order to get more project information, please visit one of these locations:

William Mead Homes Management Office
1300 Cardinal Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(323) 221-9197 (Mon-Fri)

Department of Toxic Substances Control
File Room
1011 North Grandview Avenue
Glendale, CA 91201
(818) 551-2886
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Mon-Fri)

LOS ANGELES COUNTY LEAD PROGRAM

If you are concerned that your children may have come into contact with lead contaminated soil, contact the Los Angeles County Lead Program Hotline at 1-800-524-5323. The hotline will give you information on where to get free or low cost tests for lead in blood.

WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

To receive additional information or ask questions by telephone, please contact Derrick Alatorre (para español), DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (714) 484-5474; or Ryan Kinsella, DTSC Project Manager, at (818) 551-2961. For media inquiries please contact Jeanne Garcia, Public Information Officer, DTSC, (818) 551-2176.

NOTICE TO THE HEARING IMPAIRED

You can obtain additional information using the California State Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 (TDD). Ask them to put you in contact with Ryan Kinsella, Project Manager at 818-551-2961.



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