



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN
CENTRAL REGION 9TH STREET K-8 SPAN SCHOOL
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Public Comment Period: February 4, 2011 to March 7, 2011

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) proposed Central Region 9th Street K-8 Span School Redevelopment. The RAW describes the removal and off-site disposal of approximately 1,120 cubic yards (1,680 tons) of soil from the site. The site is 3.23-acres and consists of the former 9th Street Elementary School property and parking lot (Area A) and an adjacent hardware store (Area B). The Site is bordered by East 8th Street to the northeast, Towne Avenue to the northwest, East 9th Street to the southwest, and Stanford Avenue to the southeast in downtown Los Angeles. During environmental investigations, concentrations of lead, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) in soil and volatile organic compounds (benzene, ethylbenzene, and PCE) in soil gas exceeding DTSC health risk levels for school sites were detected in Area A. In addition, four metallic subsurface anomalies and a former auto wash rack and an oil/gas storage area were identified in Area B, which will be addressed in a separate investigation. Therefore, DTSC recommended that LAUSD remove the contaminated soils and transport them to a permitted off-site disposal facility. DTSC also recommended LAUSD dig up and remove, if necessary, the subsurface anomalies, former wash rack, and oil/gas areas.

The DTSC has prepared a Responsible Agency Checklist (Checklist) and an Addendum based on the Final Environmental Impact Report dated August 31, 2010 and prepared by LAUSD. The Checklist and Addendum states that the proposed cleanup will not have a significant negative impact on the human health and the environment because of the defined amount of contaminated soil to be removed, the removal's short duration, and the controlled manner in which the contaminated soils will be removed, loaded onto trucks and taken away to an approved/permitted off-site facility for lawful disposal/treatment.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

This notice is to provide the interested community an opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to the DTSC about the proposed cleanup during a thirty (30) day public comment period that starts on February 4, 2011, and ends on March 7, 2011.

Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the draft RAW may be submitted in writing to Angela Garcia, Project Manager, DTSC, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630, and must be postmarked by **March 7, 2011**.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft RAW and other project documents are available at the Little Tokyo Branch Library, 203 S. Los Angeles St., Los Angeles; Plasencia Elementary School, 1321 Cortez St., Los Angeles; Para Los Niños Middle School, 1617 E. 7th St., Los Angeles; LAUSD Office of Environmental Health and Safety, 333 S. Beaudry Ave., 27th Floor, Los Angeles, and at www.laschools.org/find-a-school. Also, all site documents and the Administrative Record pertaining to this project are available for review during office hours at the DTSC Regional Records Office, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630. Contact: Angela Garcia at (714) 484-5490 for an appointment. Project documents can also be found at <http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the removal activities, please contact Jeanne Matsumoto, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (714) 484-5338 or email: jmatsumo@dtsc.ca.gov; or Angela Garcia, DTSC Project Manager, at (714) 484-5490 or email: agarcia@dtsc.ca.gov. Media queries contact: Jeanne Garcia at (818) 717-6573 or email: jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov. TDD users can use the California Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 and ask to speak to Jeanne Matsumoto at (714) 484-5338. For information on the DTSC, visit our web site: www.dtsc.ca.gov.

Si desea información en español, comuníquese con: Jeanne Garcia al (818) 717-6573