

# Proposed Arroyo Valley High School Addition



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## Proposed Removal Action

### INTRODUCTION

The San Bernardino City Unified School District (SBCUSD) is proposing to build an overflow parking lot as an addition to the existing Arroyo Valley High School (site) located at 1985 West Base Line Street, San Bernardino, CA.

This fact sheet describes the environmental investigations conducted and cleanup activities proposed for the site. The site cleanup will be conducted by the SBCUSD under the oversight of the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC).

SBCUSD is responsible for site selection, property purchase, site cleanup and construction. DTSC ensures the cleanup work meets state and federal standards that protect human health and the environment.

### SITE DESCRIPTION

The 4.25 acre (185,000 square feet) site (vacant lot) is bound by Base Line Street to the north, an Arroyo Valley High School access road followed by undeveloped land to the south, Arroyo Valley High School athletic fields to the east and a dirt road (California Avenue) followed by an electrical/utility easement to the west.

### SITE INVESTIGATION

During an environmental investigation conducted under DTSC oversight, arsenic was detected in soil samples at several distinct locations at the northern portion of the vacant lot, located west of the athletic fields that may pose a health risk.

### Public Comment Period

You can review and comment on the draft RAW for the Arroyo Valley High School site during the public comment period from:

**March 5, 2004 to March 19, 2004**

Written comments must be post marked by **March 19, 2004**, and sent to:

Ms. Laura Zaremba  
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Dept. of Toxic Substances Control  
1011 North Grandview Avenue  
Glendale, CA 91201  
Email: [lzaremba@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:lzaremba@dtsc.ca.gov)

### HOW DID THE CHEMICALS GET HERE AND WHY IS A CLEANUP NEEDED?

The source of the arsenic is believed to be from historical automobile-related activities. The contaminated soil will be removed prior to the parking lot construction to ensure that students and faculty will not be exposed.

### NOTICE OF EXCEPTION (NOE)

DTSC prepared a draft NOE pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for this project because it will not have a significant effect on human health or the environment.

## NOT A RISK TO THE PUBLIC

The soil is not currently a risk to people who work or live near the site because the arsenic in the soil is undisturbed. The impacted area is a vacant lot at this time and is completely fenced off, preventing access or exposure. This ensures that the primary routes of exposure to the arsenic which are by ingestion of soil or by breathing dust containing arsenic are not available.

Once the impacted soil is removed, the potential risk will be reduced to levels that will be safe.

## CLEANUP PLAN

The RAW proposes that the contaminated soil (approximately 100 cubic yards) be removed and transported to a permitted off-site disposal facility. The soil excavation is expected to take one day to complete and is scheduled to take place in March 2004. The work will be conducted in a manner that minimizes community exposure to noise or dust. Field work will be conducted while school is not in session.

It is not expected that any street closures will be necessary. Vehicles will enter and exit the site on California Avenue. The truck route will continue east on Base Line, north on California Street, then west on Highland to CA-30. Once the soil is removed, additional tests will be conducted to ensure the cleanup goals are met. The excavated areas will then be backfilled with clean soil.

### For More Information

**If you have questions regarding the DTSC environmental investigation, please contact:**

Laura Zaremba, DTSC Project Manager, at (818) 551-2183

Yvette LaDuke, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (818) 551-2909

Jeanne Garcia, Media Contact, at (818) 551-2176

### SBCUSD Contact:

Mr. David Stevenson, Facilities Planning Manager, at (909) 381-1238

**Project Documents are available for public review at the following locations:**

San Bernardino City Unified  
School District  
Board of Education Building  
777 North "F" Street  
San Bernardino, CA 92410

**Department of Toxic Substances Control**  
Regional Records Office  
1011 North Grandview Avenue  
Glendale, CA 91201  
Contact: Jone Barrio  
Phone: (818) 551-2886  
Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8:00 a.m. -5:00 pm.

### Notice to Hearing-Impaired Individuals

You can obtain additional information about the Site by using the California State Relay Service at (888) 877-5378 (TDD) or by calling Yvette LaDuke, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (818) 551-2909.