

Fact Sheet
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Proposed Belmont Primary Center No. 11



PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT ON PROPOSAL TO CLEANUP NEW SCHOOL SITE

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Introduction

This fact sheet describes an environmental investigation and proposed hazardous substance cleanup activities for a new school site planned for your neighborhood. The Proposed Belmont Primary Center No. 11 site is located on the northwest corner of Olympic Boulevard and Blaine Street in Los Angeles. Currently, the property is used primarily as employee parking for the United Parcel Service (UPS). You are invited to review and comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan (cleanup plan) for this site. The site cleanup will be conducted by the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) under the oversight of the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC).

The LAUSD conducted a Preliminary Environmental Assessment (environmental investigation) on the proposed 2-acre site and submitted a report to DTSC. The investigation detected lead in soil samples on portions of the proposed site at levels that may pose a potential health risk. As a result of the investigation findings, a site cleanup known as a removal action is being proposed to remove and eliminate the risk posed by the lead in soil. Once the contaminated soil is removed, the potential risk will be reduced to levels that will be safe for students and faculty. The new primary center is being proposed to ease overcrowding at nearby Tenth Street Elementary School.

Your Chance to Make Comments

A draft Removal Action Workplan has been prepared for the cleanup of the Proposed Belmont Primary Center No. 11 site. The DTSC is accepting comments on the proposed removal action during a 30-day public comment period from:

January 24-February 24, 2003

During this time you have an opportunity to review the document and send comments to us regarding your thoughts on the proposed cleanup plan. Your comments must be postmarked by: February 24, 2003. A comment form has been provided for your convenience.

The complete RAW report and other related project documents are available at locations listed inside the fact sheet.

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Site Investigations

The LAUSD conducted a site investigation in October 2002 to determine if any harmful hazardous substances were present that posed a threat to public health or the environment. The preliminary investigation report identified lead from lead-based paint in shallow soil from nine of the 85 samples collected across the site. The lead-based-paint in soil is from the former residential and commercial structures. Additional sampling to determine the extent of lead in soil was recommended. Additional sampling was conducted in November 2002 as part of a Supplemental Site Investigation, to further evaluate the extent of lead in shallow soil identified in the investigation. The results of the Supplemental Site Investigation identified five areas of soil contaminated with lead above the DTSC health risk levels. The final investigation report was submitted to DTSC in December 2002 and approved in January 2003.

Removal Action Workplan

A number of cleanup options were studied. The draft Removal Action Workplan identifies and evaluates possible removal action cleanup options. Several cleanup options were considered based of their effectiveness, feasibility, and cost. Based these factors four cleanup options were selected for further evaluation:

- 1) No action
- 2) Soil removal, treatment, and replacement at the site
- 3) Institutional controls and onsite containment (Capping)
- 4) Excavation and offsite disposal

Alternative 4, excavation and offsite disposal, was selected as the preferred cleanup option. This alternative was selected because it was determined to be the most protective of public health and the environment, as well as a permanent solution that is effective, feasible, and cost effective.

Proposed Removal Action Activities

The soil removal activities will be conducted under DTSC oversight. Prior to any excavation, the contaminated soil area will be marked using stakes or marking. The site will be secured and fenced to reduce the potential for unauthorized personnel to

enter the excavation area. Conventional construction equipment will be used to excavate the soil and place the soil in stockpiles on plastic sheeting or in lined roll off bins near the excavation.

Dust control measures will be taken during the removal action. The lead-contaminated soil will be excavated, to the extent possible, in a manner that reduces the potential to generate dust. While on the property, all vehicles will maintain slow speeds for safety purposes and for dust control. Dust control will be obtained by lightly spraying or misting the work areas with clean water. Water mist may also be used on soil placed in the transport trucks. The soil stockpiles will be secured and covered during periods of inactivity. The roll-off bins will be closed during periods of inactivity. Also, after the soil is loaded into the transport trucks, the soil will be covered to prevent it from spilling or blowing out of the truck during transportation to the disposal facility the same day as the removal action is conducted.

When the excavation work is complete, confirmation sampling will be conducted to verify that all the lead-contaminated soil found above DTSC health risk levels has been removed. Once this verification has been approved by DTSC, the excavated areas may be backfilled and compacted with certified clean material, consistent with school construction specifications. A Removal Action Completion Report will be prepared and submitted to DTSC.

Notice of Exemption

DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption for this project under the guidelines the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The draft document states that the project will not have a significant negative effect on the environment because of the relatively small volume, short project duration, and the controlled manner in which lead-contaminated soils will be excavated, loaded onto trucks and taken offsite for disposal.

What Happens Next?

Prior to making a final decision on the Proposed Belmont Primary Center No. 11 Draft Removal Action Workplan, DTSC will receive comments during the **30-day public comment period**, which begins on Jan. 24, 2003. Comments may be submitted in writing to: *Ms. Jennifer Jones, Project Manager, Department of Toxic Substances Control*,

1011 N. Grandview Avenue, Glendale, California 91201. Comments must be postmarked by Feb. 24, 2003.

After the comment period, DTSC will evaluate all of the submitted comments. If the proposed removal action is approved, fieldwork will begin in late February or early March 2003. The removal action process including soil excavation, transportation of excavated soil, confirmation soil sampling and analysis, and site restoration will last approximately two weeks. After reviewing the Removal Action Completion Report, DTSC will certify that the site is safe and the LAUSD can proceed with the school construction process.

For More Information

If you have further questions about the site investigation or the proposed removal action please call the following persons:

DTSC Contacts

Treva Miller, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, (818) 551-2846; Jennifer Jones, DTSC Project Manager, (818) 551-2973; *Si desea información en español, comuníquese con: Sr. Eloy Florez, Especialista en Participación Pública de el DTSC, al (818) 551-2875.* Media please contact — Jeanne Garcia, (818) 551-2176.

LAUSD Contacts

Chris Ingalls, Project Manager, LAUSD Office of Environmental Health and Safety, (213) 633-8309.

For information related to the school addition design and construction please call:

Fortunato Tapia, LAUSD Community Outreach Office, at (213) 633-8976.

Si desea información en español, comuníquese con: Fortunato Tapia, Oficina de Alcance a la Comunidad del LAUSD (LAUSD Community Outreach Office), al (213) 633-8976 o por correo electrónico: ftapia@laschools.org.

Document Locations

Project documents are available for your review at the following locations:

Central Library

630 W. Fifth Street

Los Angeles, CA 90071

Hours: Monday - Thursday

10:00am ñ 8:00pm

Friday & Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Notice to Hearing Impaired Individuals

TDD users can obtain additional information about this removal action by using the California State Relay Service (1-888-877-5378) to reach Treva Miller at (818) 551-2846.

Department of Toxic Substances Control Regional Records Office

1011 N. Grandview Avenue

Glendale, CA 91201

Contact: Jone Barrio

Phone: (818) 551-2886

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Los Angeles Unified School District Office of Communications

333 S. Beaudry Avenue, First Floor

Los Angeles, CA 90071

Phone: (213) 241-6766

Hours: Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Tenth Street Elementary School

1000 Grattan Street

Los Angeles, CA 90015

Contact: Lucy Orona

Phone: (213) 380-8990

Hours: Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Treva Miller, Public Participation Specialist

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11, Limpieza del Predio serán apreciados

