



Department of
Toxic Substances
Control

*Preventing
environmental
damage from
hazardous waste,
and restoring
contaminated
sites for all
Californians.*



State of California



California
Environmental
Protection Agency

Fact Sheet, December 2007

DRAFT REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

Para Información en Español, llame a Jesús Cruz al (866) 495-5651

PROPOSED EAST LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL #2

Draft Remedial Action Plan for Area D

(Public Comment Period: December 21 to January 21, 2008)

Introduction

A draft cleanup plan to remove soil contaminated with lead, total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH), polycyclic hydrocarbons (PAHs), dioxins, and furans at the **proposed East Los Angeles High School #2, Area D** is available for public review and comment. The draft cleanup plan, called a Remedial Action Plan, or RAP, was submitted by the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), to the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC).

There is **no** immediate health risk because the public is not exposed to the contaminated soil. However, because exposure to elevated levels of lead, TPH's (petroleum based chemicals), PAHs, dioxins, and furans could cause adverse health effects, the DTSC required the school district to prepare a cleanup plan to remove and dispose of the contaminated soil to protect the future occupants at the proposed school. DTSC will oversee the removal action that will take place prior to construction of the new school and will ensure that it is performed in a manner that does not harm people or the environment.

The draft RAP proposes the excavation and off-site disposal of approximately 3,000 cubic yards (4,500 tons) of soil. Off-site disposal from the site will require an additional 170 truckloads to remove the remaining impacted soil. A portion of the impacted soil was removed under the previously approved cleanup plan. The work will take place daily from 6:00 am to 5:00 pm.

COMMUNITY MEETING

January 10, 2008 at 6:00 P.M.

Hammel Street Elementary School Auditorium
438 North Brannick Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90063

The DTSC invites you to a community meeting to provide information on the draft RAP for the East Los Angeles High School #2, Area D (Site).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: December 21, 2007 to January 21, 2008

The draft RAP and other related project documents for this school site are available for review and public comment at the locations listed on page 3. We will make a final decision on the draft RAP after all public comments have been reviewed and considered.

Please submit written comments in the enclosed postage paid envelope postmarked **by January 21, 2008**; or by email before the deadline date, no later than 5 p.m., to: Jesus Cruz, Public Participation Specialist, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826 or E mail JCruz@dtsc.ca.gov.



Site Location and History

The 1.22 acre Area D property is part of the 12 acre proposed East Los Angeles High School No. 2. The site was occupied by eight single and multi-family residential properties since 1928. The homes and apartments located there previously have now been demolished. In the 1930's an open storm water channel was built through Area D and was eventually converted to a buried storm drain culvert. The storm drain culvert was backfilled with trash and miscellaneous debris. DTSC believes that the current contamination originated from years of accumulating trash and debris, which was then covered over with soil.

Environmental Investigations

Several site investigations have been conducted since 2004. In September 2007, a Removal Action Workplan (RAW) was approved to address the soil impacts to the Site. During implementation of the RAW, approximately 3,000 cubic yards of construction and residential debris were encountered above and to the sides of a subterranean storm drain that crosses the Site from the northeast corner at Hammel Street and North Eastern Avenue to the southwest corner of the site. A portion of the encountered construction and residential debris was removed under the RAW, while the extent of contamination was investigated. The area was previously inaccessible during assessment activities because homes and apartments were located there prior to being demolished and a steep grade onsite. Elevated levels of lead, TPHs, PAHs, dioxin, and furans were detected or suspected in the debris-laden soil. Approximately 3,000 cubic yards (4,500 tons) remain to be excavated and removed from the site. An additional 170 truckloads will be required to remove the remaining impacted soil. A portion of the impacted soil was removed under the previously approved cleanup plan. The work will take place daily from 6:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Proposed Cleanup Options

The following remedial action alternatives were considered for the site:

Alternative 1 – No Action

Alternative 2 – Containment with Surface Cover/Pavement and Land Use Covenant

Alternative 3 – Excavation and Offsite Disposal and Land Use Covenant

Based on careful analysis of the options, Excavation and Offsite Disposal and a Land Use Covenant using traditional methods (alternative 3) are recommended because it protects human health and the

environment, is permanent, and has a reasonable cost. Please see Section 4 of the Draft RAP for more details.

California Environmental Quality Act

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the DTSC has prepared a draft Initial Study and a draft Negative Declaration for this project. The Initial Study states that the proposed cleanup will not have a significant negative effect on human health and the environment because of the amount of contaminated soil to be removed, and the controlled way in which the contaminated soils will be removed, loaded onto trucks and taken away to an approved/permitted facility for lawful disposal.

Proposed Plan

If Alternative 3 is selected, the contaminated soil will be removed using a backhoe, bulldozer, shovels or other types of earth moving equipment to a maximum depth of approximately 30 feet below ground surface. The soil will be either temporarily stockpiled at the Site or loaded directly onto trucks for disposal. About 3,000 cubic yards (4,500 tons) of soil and debris will be excavated and transported off-site for disposal at a State approved/licensed facility. After the contaminated soil is removed, confirmation soil samples will be collected to verify that the respective clean up goals have been met. The cleanup process is expected to take approximately six weeks to complete.

Safety & Dust Control during Cleanup

This draft RAP proposes the excavation and off-site disposal of approximately 3,000 cubic yards (4,500 tons) of soil. An additional 170 truckloads will be required to remove the remaining impacted soil from the Site beginning late January 2008 and will take approximately three weeks. The work will take place daily from 6:00 am to 5:00 pm.

The following actions will be implemented during this process to ensure public safety and minimize dust:

- Installing temporary fencing with windscreens for security and dust control and air monitoring to insure the amount of dust stays at safe levels
- Driving vehicles and equipment at slow speeds while on the property
- Spraying of work areas with clean water to control dust
- Securing trucks with covers before they leave the site
- Brushing tires of trucks entering and exiting the site to remove soils and debris

Where to Find Site Documents

The Draft RAP and other related documents for the proposed East Los Angeles High School #2, Area D are available for review at the following locations:

Anthony Quinn Public Library

Reference Desk
3965 E. Cesar E. Chavez Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90063
Phone: (323) 264-7715

East Los Angeles Library

Reference Desk
4837 East Third Street
Los Angeles, CA 90022
Phone: (323) 264-0155

Hammel Street Elementary School

Main Office
438 N. Brannick Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90063
Phone: (323) 263-9461

Department of Toxic Substances Control

Regional Records Office
1011 North Grandview Avenue
Glendale, CA 91201
Contact: Jone Barrio, (818) 551-2886
Hours: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Friday

Los Angeles Unified School District

Office of Environmental Health and Safety
1055 W. 7th Street, 9th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017
Contact: Andrew Fowler, (213) 893-7418
Andrew.Fowler@lausd.net
Hours: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Friday

Persons to Contact for More Information

Aldo Chaney
DTSC Project Manager
(818) 551-2972
AChaney@dtsc.ca.gov

Jesus Cruz
DTSC Public Participation Specialist
Toll free 1-866-495-5651, press option 4
JCruz@dtsc.ca.gov

Media Inquiries:

Jeanne Garcia
DTSC Public Information Officer
(818) 551-2176
JGarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is a part of the California Environmental Protection Agency. DTSC provides oversight for soil and groundwater investigations at proposed new or expanding school sites. DTSC also evaluates property for potential hazardous materials or contamination that may pose a risk to school children, staff or faculty. If contamination is found, DTSC oversees the cleanup of the property.

Notice to Hearing-Impaired Individuals

You can obtain additional information about the site by using the California State Relay Service at 1 (888) 877-5378 (TDD). Ask them to contact Jesus Cruz at (866) 495-5651 regarding the East Los Angeles High School #2, Area D project.

Meeting Accessibility

For information on accessibility and to request reasonable accommodation, please call Mr. Jesus Cruz at (866) 495-5651 at least one week in advance of the Community Meeting.

For more information about DTSC, please visit our Website at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public

Proposed Transportation Route for Trucks

An additional 170 truckloads will be required to remove the contaminated soil from the Site. Excavation will be conducted between 6:00 AM to 5:00 PM.. Trucks will enter the Site from Hammel Street and Dozier Avenue. To minimize potential impacts on the local neighborhood, trucks will leave the Site by taking Hammel Street east, turning left on North Eastern Avenue, turning right on Floral Drive and entering the Long Beach Freeway (I-710). The soil will be transported to a State-approved disposal facility.

Please see map on Page 4, bottom of left hand side, area D for more details.

