



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD



(March 18 to April 18, 2008)

Draft Removal Action WorkPlan Gregori High School 5518 Stoddard Road Modesto, Ca

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is accepting public comments on the Draft Removal Action Work Plan (Draft RAW) for the future Gregori High School Site. During an environmental investigation for the project, elevated levels of pesticides and arsenic were found in the soil. Gasoline and related compounds were also found in soil and shallow groundwater within a localized area of the site. The school district has submitted a draft cleanup plan, also known as a Removal Action Workplan (RAW). The public comment period will run from March 18 to April 18, 2008. Written comments must be postmarked by the close of the public comment period and sent to:

Mr. Neal Hutchison, DTSC Project Manager
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, CA 95826
Or by e-mail to Hhutchis@dtsc.ca.gov

The school district has submitted a draft cleanup plan, also known as a Removal Action Workplan (RAW), which proposes cleanup activities for the site. The Draft RAW proposes the removal of 6,500 cubic yards of contaminated soil from the 80-acre site, along with groundwater monitoring, as the recommended clean up alternative.

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC has reviewed the proposed activities, and determined that they will not have an adverse effect on public health and the environment. Therefore, DTSC has exempted this project from CEQA requirements and has prepared a Notice of Exemption (NOE).

Current Site documents, including the Draft RAW and the CEQA NOE are available for public review at the information repositories located at:

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Attn: Miguel Galvez
426 Locust Street
Modesto, California 95351
(209) 576-4032

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8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, California 95826
Call to make an appointment
(916) 255-3693

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For questions regarding the Draft RAW: Mr. Neal Hutchison, DTSC Project Manager, at (916) 255-4369 or e-mail at Hhutchis@dtsc.ca.gov. For questions regarding the public participation process: Mr. Jesus Cruz, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, toll-free 1 (866) 495-5651 or (916) 255-3315 or e-mail at Jcruz@dtsc.ca.gov. For questions from the media, contact: Ms. Jeanne M. Garcia, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (818) 717-6573 or e-mail at Jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov.