



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN INDIO HIGH SCHOOL INDIO, CALIFORNIA

Public Comment Period: June 30, 2011 to August 1, 2011

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the Desert Sands Unified School District's (District) Existing Indio High School (School). The RAW describes the removal and off-site disposal of approximately 90 cubic yards (140 tons) of soil from the School. The School is located at 81-750 Avenue 46 in Indio, California.

During environmental investigations, concentrations of polychlorinated biphenyl [PCBs] in the soil exceeding DTSC health risk levels for school sites. Therefore, DTSC recommended that the District remove the contaminated soils and transport them to a permitted off-site disposal facility.

The DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The NOE 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.

The public comment period is from **June 30, 2011 to August 1, 2011**. Written comments must be postmarked or e-mailed by **August 1, 2011** and sent to: Angela O. Garcia, Project Manager, DTSC, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630, agarcia@dtsc.ca.gov

FOR MORE INFORMATION: A copy of the draft RAW and other project documents are available at the Indio Public Library, 200 Civic Center Mall, Indio; District Facilities Services, 47-950 Dune Palms Road, La Quinta. 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 O. Garcia, DTSC Project Manager, at (714) 484-5490 or email: agarcia@dtsc.ca.gov. Media queries contact: Sandra Friedman at (714) 484-5383 or email: sfriedma@dtsc.ca.gov. TDD users can use the California Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 and ask to speak to Jeanne Matsumoto. For information on the DTSC, visit our web site: www.dtsc.ca.gov.