

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances through the restoration of contaminated resources, enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.

## You Can Review and Comment on the draft Grove Subdivision Cleanup Plan, 3342 Humphrey Road, Loomis

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW). This RAW proposes a soil cleanup for pesticide and metal polluted soil at the Grove Subdivision, 3342 Humphrey Road, Loomis CA 95650. The property is about ten acres in size. Please see the map on page three.

### Why Cleanup Is Necessary?

There is no immediate health risk because the public is not exposed to the contaminated soil. It is buried under grass. However, building homes on this Site opens up possible exposure to elevated levels of pesticide, lead, and arsenic contamination that can cause long term adverse health effects, DTSC recommends that the developer prepare a cleanup plan to remove and dispose of the contaminated soil. This action will protect the future residents of any housing development built on this property. DTSC will oversee the removal action. DTSC wants to make sure that the work is done in a way that does not harm people or the environment.

### Environmental Investigations?

An earlier owner completed a Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) report in February 2003. Additional soil sampling took place in 2004 and 2005. This sampling found elevated levels of the pesticide, dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane, or DDT. Also, present are its breakdown products DDD and DDE, as well as arsenic and lead in the soil across the southern portion of the property. We found these metals and pesticides in one small portion on the northern end. No pollution has left the property. The developer and their consultants plan to do some additional sampling to confirm the extent of the pollution present at the Site.

### Public Comment Period



**Begins August 19 and ends  
on September 19, 2016**

DTSC invites your participation. You may review the draft RAW and other related project documents for this site at the locations listed on page three. We will make a final decision after we review and consider all public comments. Please submit written comments postmarked by September 19, 2016; or by e-mail by September 19 to:

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Arsenic was used in pesticides. DTSC believes that the arsenic in soil came from past use of pesticides during use as a commercial pear orchard. The investigation reports decided the elevated levels of these chemicals pose a long term potential threat to human health if nothing is done. Based on these findings, DTSC recommends further action to remove these chemicals.

**The soil containing these chemicals lies beneath grass and other plants and does not pose an immediate threat to anyone.**

## Proposed Cleanup Options

DTSC evaluated the following cleanup options: no action, on-site chemical treatment, and pollution reduction through natural processes. Based on careful analysis of the options, DTSC recommends excavation and removal of the chemical contaminated soil. DTSC recommends this option because it protects human health and the environment, is permanent, and has a reasonable cost.

If DTSC selects this alternative, the contaminated soil will be dug out using a backhoe, bulldozer, shovels, or other types of earth moving equipment, as necessary. Workers plan to either temporarily stockpile this soil or load it directly onto trucks to be disposed at a permitted facility. The soil will not be stockpiled on the site. After the contaminated soil is removed, workers will take samples to confirm that the chemicals are gone.

## Safety & Dust Control During Cleanup

Workers will take the following actions for public safety and to minimize dust:

- Installing temporary fencing for security;
- Driving all vehicles 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 Truck tires while entering and exiting to remove soil and debris;
- Monitoring the Site air to keep dust at safe levels.

## California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

In compliance with CEQA, DTSC has prepared an Addendum to the Town's 2006 Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (Addendum) for this project. The Addendum states that the proposed cleanup will not have a significant negative effect on human health and the environment because of short duration, relatively small amount of contaminated soil to be removed, and the controlled removal process.

## Next Steps

At the close of the Public Comment Period, DTSC will review and consider all public comments and make any necessary revisions to the draft RAW prior to final approval. Also, a Response to Comments Document will be mailed to everyone who makes a comment and provides their name and address.

## Who to Contact for Information?

If you have any questions about the project or cleanup activities please contact the following DTSC staff:

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## Where to Find the Documents?

The draft RAW, the CEQA, and other site related documents for the Grove Subdivision are available for review at the following locations:

The Loomis Public Library  
6050 Library Drive  
Loomis, California 95650  
Phone: (916) 652-7061  
Hours: Monday through Friday, open 11 to 7 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday 10 to 6 p.m.

Department of Toxic Substances Control  
Regional File Room  
8800 Cal Center Drive  
Sacramento CA 95826  
Please call (916) 255-3758 to make an appointment  
Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday -- Friday

Also, you may view electronic versions of the draft RAW, CEQA, and other site related documents at DTSC's envirostor Website: [www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/](http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/). Enter Loomis as the City, select Grove Subdivision, and Click on the link.

