COMMUNITY UPDATE

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated resources, enforcing hazardous waste laws, reducing hazardous waste generation, and encouraging the manufacture of chemically safer products.

PROPOSED CLEANUP PLAN FOR NEW HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) also known as a cleanup plan. The Cleanup plan for the Sanger Unified School District's proposed New Middle and High School education complex (Site) located in Fresno, California 93727 at the following locations:

1600 S. Fowler Avenue
(2 parcels with the same address)
one parcel with no address
1700 S. Fowler Avenue
1636 S. Fowler Avenue
1778 S. Fowler Avenue
1854 S. Fowler Avenue
1610 E. Jensen Avenue
6282 E. Jensen Avenue

The Site is approximately 116-acre and composed of nine parcels identified as Parcel 1 through Parcel 9 located at Fowler Avenue to Armstrong Avenue and Church Avenue to Jensen Avenue in Fresno, California 93727. The Site will be constructed and developed into a middle and high school campus for approximately 4,000 students. The two schools would have a combined building area and one multi-purpose building. It will also have two gymnasiums, a theater, and athletic facilities, two pools, hardcourts and playfields.

Environmental investigations conducted between November 2012 and August 2014, found dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (DDT), dichlorodiphenyldichloroethylene (DDE), lead, and dieldrin in the soil at three (1778 S. Fowler Avenue and 1610 & 6282 E. Jensen Avenue) of the nine parcels. The other six parcels did not have any significant threat to human health or the environment. The Site is being cleaned up to protect humans and the environment and prepare the Site for school construction.

Public Comment Period

December 1, 2016 - January 12, 2017

DTSC will accept public comments on the draft RAW for the Site during the public comment period **December 1, 2016 - January 12, 2017**.

All comments must be received by **January 12, 2017** and send all comments to:

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SITE HISTORY AND OPERATIONS

The Site consists of 116 acres of land which comprises of nine parcels that have been used for agricultural purposes since 1957. The current developments of the parcels include undeveloped/vacant land, agriculture, and residential. Most of the parcels currently have a residence and/or a former residence/structure(s) and some have or have had aboveground storage tanks/underground storage tanks. Pole–mounted transformers were also found at several of the parcels. Multiple water wells are located at the Site.

ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS

Environmental investigations conducted at the Site found DDE, DDT, lead, and dieldrin in the soil at three (1778 S. Fowler Avenue and 1610 & 6282 E. Jensen Avenue) of the nine parcels, due to past operations at the Site. The other six parcels did not have any significant threat to human health or the environment.

PROPOSED CLEANUP OPTIONS

The following four options were considered for the Site:

Alternative 1 – No action
Alternative 2 – Treatment
Alternative 3 – Institutional Control and Onsite Containment (Capping)
Alternative 4 – Excavation and Offsite Disposal

PREFFERRED CLEANUP ALTERNATIVE

The preferred cleanup alternative selected in the draft RAW is Alternative 4, Excavation and Offsite Disposal. This alternative would effectively reduce the contamination at the Site by removing the contaminated soil with concentrations above the selected site-specific cleanup goals. If this alternative is approved, approximately 320 cubic yards of contaminated soil would be excavated and disposed at a permitted offsite disposal facility. Clean fill material will be brought to the Site to backfill excavated areas.

SAFETY & DUST CONTROL

Large equipment, such as excavators and backhoes, will be used to excavate and stockpile the contaminated soil. Large soil transfer trucks will be used to haul contaminated soil to the off-site disposal facilities. The following actions will be implemented during the soil cleanup process to ensure public safety and minimize dust:

- The staging area will be fenced to restrict access
- Stockpiled soil will be covered with tarps or other protective sheeting
- Water spray will be used to control dust generation
- Monitoring of the dust generated during the soil remediation activities will be conducted
- Tarps or other suitable enclosures will be used on trucks hauling the excavated soil.

SOIL REMOVAL AND TRUCK ROUTE

Proposed remedial activities will occur between the hours of 7 A.M.to 5 P.M., Monday - Friday. Approximately 30 truckloads will be required to transport the 320 cubic yards of contaminated offsite to a State-licensed disposal facility and approximately 30 truckloads to transport the 400 cubic yards of clean import fill material onsite. The trucks will be operated by a licensed hazardous waste trucking contractor.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

In compliance with the CEQA, the District has prepared an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to evaluate potential environmental impacts that may result from the school construction project. The EIR included information on the effects of the RAW activities. DTSC has prepared a Statement of Findings (SOF) based on the District's EIR. A Notice of Determination (NOD) will be filed when the RAW is approved. The SOF will be made available for public review, along with other supporting documents in the information repositories.

NEXT STEPS

DTSC will review and consider comments received during the public comment period before making a final decision to approve, modify or deny the draft RAW. If comments are received, DTSC will prepare a Response to Comments at the completion of the public comment period. Anyone who submits comments will receive a copy of the Response to Comments document. In addition, a copy of the Response to Comments document will be made part of the Final RAW and will be placed in the information repositories listed below.

INFORMATION REPOSITORIES

You may review the draft RAW and other Site-related documents at the following places:

Fresno County Public Library
4670 E. Butler Avenue
Fresno, California 93702
(559) 600-4072, Call for hours

DTSC – Sacramento Regional Office
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, California 95826
(916) 255-3758; Call for appointment

Site documents are also available on-line at: www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov

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