



Public Involvement

Start Work Notification, December 2004

CONTAMINATED SOIL REMOVAL TO BEGIN AT SACHER SITE ON LAVA CAP MINE ROAD IN GRASS VALLEY

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has approved the Removal Action Workplan (commonly referred to as a RAW) for the Sacher Family Trust Property (Site). The Site is located on Lava Cap Mine Road in Nevada County (see map on back of page). Approximately 400 cubic yards of arsenic-contaminated soil will be excavated, placed into trucks, and transported to an appropriate landfill for disposal. The cleanup will take approximately five days and is anticipated to begin sometime in early to mid-December, 2004.

Signs will be posted to alert motorists of truck traffic on Lava Cap Mine Road (a single lane private roadway) near the property boundary, and on Banner Lava Cap Road/Idaho-Maryland Road (a public road) near the intersection with Lava Cap Mine Road. To maintain safe traffic conditions and minimize dust, trucks will operate at a maximum speed of 15 miles per hour or less while traveling on Lava Cap Mine Road. In the unlikely event that a truck experiences mechanical difficulties while on Lava Cap Mine Road, a tow truck will be called immediately to maintain emergency vehicle and residential access.

A school bus stop is located at the intersection of Lava Cap Mine Road and Banner Lava Cap Road/Idaho-Maryland Roads, per information received by the Nevada City School District and Durham Transportation company. School bus pick-up and drop-off times range from 6:50 AM to 3:00 PM, and 7:35 AM to 3:15 PM. To accommodate school bus schedules and avoid additional congestion, truck traffic will run when buses and children have vacated the bus stop area, weekdays between approximately 7:45 AM and 2:50 PM, and after approximately 3:45 PM.

All transportation activities associated with the proposed removal action will be conducted in accordance with applicable local, state, and federal regulations, and the traffic control requirements contained in the Site-specific Health and Safety Plan. Approximately 30 truck loads of soil will be removed from the Site during the five day project. Loading of soil into trucks will take place within the Sacher property staging areas and will not impact off Site traffic. After loading and before leaving the Site, trucks and loading equipment will be decontaminated (for example, dusted or sprayed with water to remove dust). Trucks and equipment hauling soil will have closed top bins or will be covered with tarps. Contractors will use reasonable precautions (for example, staying away from the edge of the pavement when driving, avoiding pressing on truck breaks too quickly or hard) to avoid damaging Lava Cap Mine Road. Trucks will exit the Site on Lava Cap Mine Road, then turn left onto Idaho Maryland Road and continue to State Highway 49.



Specific information regarding soil removal at the Site is available in the final RAW dated December 2004. The Final RAW and other related documents are available for review at the Madelyn Helling Library, 980 Helling Way, Nevada City, California, 95959, 530-265-7050. The full administrative record and files pertaining to this project are available for public review at the DTSC, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California, 95826-3200, 916-255-3758.

Questions or comments should be directed to Ms. Maria Gillette, DTSC Project Manager, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California, 95826-3200. Comments submitted electronically should be sent to Ms. Gillette at mgillett@dtsc.ca.gov. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Gillette at (916) 255-3953.

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