

# DTSC PUBLIC NOTICE

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## **EXPLANATION OF SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES & PROPOSED LAND USE RESTRICTION FOR BUILDING 9000 (FORMERLY BUILDING 400) AT JORDAN HIGH SCHOOL 6500 ATLANTIC AVENUE, LONG BEACH**

**WHY THIS NOTICE?** The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has prepared an Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) to inform the public of a change to the selected remedy in the Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for Jordan High School (Site) located at 6500 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach. The ESD describes and documents the change to the remedial alternative in the RAW that was originally recommended and approved. In addition, this document serves as a notice to the public regarding the intent of DTSC to enter into a Land Use Covenant (LUC) with the Long Beach Unified School District for Building 9000 at the Site.

The RAW (Ninyo & Moore, December 21, 2012) was prepared for the entire Site, including Building 9000, to address soil impacted by organochlorine pesticides (OCPs). It was approved by DTSC on March 12, 2013 and was implemented in summer of 2013. The selected remedy in the RAW included excavation and off-site disposal of OCP-impacted soil around the exterior of the Buildings. After RAW implementation in 2013, additional soil sampling was conducted at Building 9000 as part of modernization activities from July 2018 through February 2019. This sampling identified additional OCP-impacted soil at inaccessible locations beneath the Building's slab at depths greater than five feet. Because excavation of the soil was not feasible, DTSC determined that an LUC is required for the Building to ensure future activities that disturb the slab or soil beneath the slab do not result in exposure to contaminated soil. Since the selected remedy in the RAW did not include recording an LUC for Building 9000 as a component of the remedy, DTSC prepared the ESD.

### **HOW TO PROVIDE COMMENTS:**

A 30-day public comment period on the ESD is scheduled from February 8, 2023 to March 10, 2023. All public comments must be postmarked or e-mailed **no later than 11:59 pm on March 10, 2023**, and sent to: Ms. Lina Hijazi, DTSC Project Manager, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, California 90630, or via e-mail address to: [Lina.Hijazi@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Lina.Hijazi@dtsc.ca.gov)

**Where Do I Get Information?** Copy of the ESD is available for review at:

#### **Department of Toxic Substances Control**

5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, California 90630  
(714) 484-5337 (By appointment only)

#### **Jordan High School**

6500 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, California 90805  
(562) 423-1471

**You may also access the ESD and additional information at:**

[https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile\\_report.asp?global\\_id=60001577](https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=60001577)

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