

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

**Department of Toxic Substances Control** - Our mission is to protect the people, communities, and environment of California from harmful chemicals by cleaning up contaminated sites, enforcing hazardous waste laws, and compelling the development of safer products.

April 2023

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD  
DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN  
First Christian Church Site  
220 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Alhambra, CA 91801**

A comment period has begun for the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the First Christian Church Site (Site). The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) welcomes your input during the comment period. DTSC is part of the California Environmental Protection Agency. DTSC regulates the handling and cleanup of hazardous substances.

You are invited to participate:

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

**April 17, 2023 through May 17, 2023**

DTSC encourages you to review and comment on the draft RAW. DTSC will consider all public comments before a decision is made. Comments must be postmarked or emailed by

**May 17 to:**

Johnson Abraham, DTSC Project Manager  
5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630.

Email: [Johnson.Abraham@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Johnson.Abraham@dtsc.ca.gov)

## Site Location and History

The approximately 1.6-acre Site is located in the city of Alhambra. The Alhambra Unified School District (AUSD) intends to demolish existing structures and develop the property as an outdoor athletic area. As currently planned, no buildings will be constructed on the property. The new outdoor athletic area will become part of the adjoining School athletic facility to the north of the Site. The Site is bounded by South 5th Street on the west, Alhambra High School (School) on the north, South 4th Street on the east, and Commonwealth Avenue on the south. The Site was vacant in 1907. Construction of current structures including an assembly room, offices, chapel, classrooms, courtyard, and parking areas were completed between 1928 to 1972. The Site has been unchanged since 1972.

**How does the draft RAW propose to clean up the Site?** A RAW is a cleanup plan prepared or approved by DTSC, which is developed to carry out a removal action, in an effective manner, that is protective of the public health and safety and the environment. The RAW objective to mitigate potential risk to human health and



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the environment by removing soil contaminated with lead. Lead was detected in Site soil, at concentrations above the DTSC soil screening level for total lead in soil at school sites. The most effective remedial action is to remove the contaminated soil and dispose of it offsite.

### **RAW Implementation & Safety Measures**

- Removal activities will be performed by a California certified contractor with supervision of a California-registered geologist or professional Civil Engineer.
- Appropriate barriers and/or privacy fencing will be installed prior to beginning the excavation process to ensure that all work areas are secure and safe.
- All removal, transportation and disposal will be performed in accordance with all applicable federal, State, and local laws, regulations, ordinances and requirements.
- A field logbook will document observations, personnel onsite, equipment arrival and departure times, and other vital project information.
- Per the City requirements, noise-generating construction operations will be limited to between the hours of 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM., Monday through Sunday. Construction activities will be prohibited on Sundays and federal holidays.
- If required, in consultation with DTSC, air monitoring will be performed during all Site activities in which impacted, or potentially impacted materials are being disturbed or handled.

### **Where to find project documents:**

DTSC Regional Records Center  
5796 Corporate Avenue  
Cypress, CA 90630

Tel: (714) 484-5300 Call for an appointment

Alhambra Public Library  
101 S. First St.  
Alhambra, CA 91801

Tel: (626) 570-3212

The draft RAW and other related documents are available on the Envirostor database online:

[https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile\\_report.asp?global\\_id=60003397](https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=60003397)

### **Next Steps**

DTSC invites the public to review and provide comments on the draft RAW during the public comment period. DTSC will collect and address all public comments received after the public comment period ends. The draft RAW will be approved after consideration of the public comments and certification issued for the Site.

### **Who to contact at DTSC for more information:**

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**PUBLIC COMMENT FORM**  
**DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN**

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**Public Comment Period – April 17, 2023 through May 17, 2023**

You can use this form to send in your written public comments. Feel free to attach more sheets or write on the back if you need more space. Please address all mailings to:

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**Reminder: All public comments must be postmarked or e-mailed on or before May 17.**

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COMMENTS: