



# NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

## TIME CRITICAL REMOVAL ACTION University of California Berkeley Richmond Field Station Richmond, California

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: September 28, 2008 – October 28, 2008**

### WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is overseeing a Time Critical Removal Action (TCRA) for the University of California Richmond Field Station located at 1301 South 46<sup>th</sup> Street in Richmond, California. The purpose of the TCRA is to remove contaminated ash and debris containing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) at concentrations up to 80 parts per million at two locations in the Western Transition Area (WTA) (see enclosed map). This removal action will ensure that workers are not exposed to PCBs during future weed abatement work in the WTA.

### WHAT IS A TIME CRITICAL REMOVAL ACTION?

TCRAs are performed when it is determined there is an immediate need to clean up contamination to protect human health and the environment. TCRAs require that the work is completed in six months or less. The process for a TCRA cleanup is to:

- prepare a cleanup document for DTSC's review and approval
- implement the TCRA
- publish a notice of availability of the administrative record within 60 days of initiating the TCRA
- hold a 30-day public comment period from the time the administrative record is made available
- respond in writing to comments received on the administrative record

### SUMMARY OF TCRA ACTIVITIES

Approximately 4 cubic yards of ash and debris will be removed using hand tools. The expected excavation depth is two feet. The ash and debris will be placed into 5-gallon buckets and transferred into one-cubic yard containers for disposal off site at a licensed Class I landfill facility. The containers will be stored in a secure area behind Building 120 prior to off-site transport. Confirmation samples will be collected to confirm that the cleanup goals for the TCRA are met. The data will be incorporated into the administrative record for the site.

Activities will occur on October 1, 2008 between the hours of 7 am and 6 pm as follows:

- Workers involved in the removal action will wear appropriate protective equipment.
- Hand tools will be used to remove the visible ash and debris.
- Upon completion of the excavation, soil samples will be collected. All samples will be submitted to a state-certified analytical laboratory for analysis.
- Excavated ash and debris will be sampled and trucked off site to an appropriately permitted disposal facility.
- The WTA is and will remain fenced. There is 24-hour security at the Richmond Field Station.
- Dust control measures will be used as necessary.

### TRUCKING AND TRAFFIC ROUTE

One truck will be needed to remove the bins from the site. The truck will exit the Richmond Field Station and travel west on Meade Street for approximately 1/3 miles and then take the Regatta on-ramp to Interstate 580 and proceed to Interstate-80.

### CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

DTSC prepared a Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this action as required by the California Environmental Quality Act. The NOE states that the removal action is exempt from CEQA and does not have the potential for significant effect on the environment. This work will be completed according to the Final Memorandum for a TCRA at Two Campfire Locations in the Western Transition Area, University of California Berkeley, Richmond Field Station.

## **DTSC CONTACT INFORMATION**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the DTSC Project Manager, Lynn Nakashima, (510) 540-3839, e-mail [lnakashi@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:lnakashi@dtsc.ca.gov). For questions regarding public participation, please contact DTSC Public Participation Specialist, Yvette LaDuke 1-866-495-5651, press "3", then press "2" or email [yladuke@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:yladuke@dtsc.ca.gov). For media inquiries, please contact DTSC Public Information Office, Jeanne Garcia, at (818) 717-6573, e-mail [jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov).

## **HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?**

This notice provides the community an opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to DTSC about the TCRA during the public comment period. Comments concerning the TCRA may be submitted in writing to Yvette LaDuke, Public Participation Specialist, DTSC, 9211 Oakdale Avenue, Chatsworth, Ca 91311, e-mail address: [yladuke@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:yladuke@dtsc.ca.gov), and must be postmarked or e-mailed by **October 28, 2008**.

## **WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?**

This document and other site related documents are available at the following locations:

Richmond Main Library 325 Civic Center Plaza Richmond, CA 94801 Reference Desk: (510) 620-6561	DTSC File Room 700 Heinz Avenue Berkeley, CA 94710 By appointment only: (510) 540-3800
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Additional information can also be found on the Richmond Field Station site at the DTSC EnviroStor web site at: [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov), then click on "Find a Site Near You" at the top of the webpage, type "Richmond" in the space marked city and click on "Get Report", at the bottom of the page find "University of California Richmond SE" and click on "Report".

## **NOTICE TO HEARING IMPAIRED INDIVIDUALS**

TDD users can use the California Relay Service at 1-888-877-5376. Please request Yvette LaDuke, DTSC Public Participation Specialist.

## **ANUNCIO**

Si prefiere hablar con alguien en español acerca de ésta información, favor de llamar a Jacinto Soto, Departamento de Control de Substancias Tóxicas. El número de teléfono es (510) 540-3842.



