

Public Notice

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.

Start of the SECOND FIVE-YEAR REVIEW For Burlingame High School Burlingame, California 94010

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will conduct the Second Five-Year Review of the remedy for arsenic contamination in the soil at Burlingame High School (Site) located at 400 Carolan Avenue, Burlingame, California 94010. The purpose of the second Five-Year Review is to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy and to ensure it is functioning as designed and maintained appropriately to protect human health and the environment.

The remedy which was implemented in January 2009, included capping areas on the Site, which includes Area B (shot put), Area C (landscaped and/or concreted), Area D1 (near gym), Area D2 (south track), Area E (Front Lawn), Areas F1 & F2 (parkway), Area G2 (Home Economics Building lawn), Area G3 (fence line), and Area H (northern part of the synthetic turf track field). The caps create a barrier to prevent exposure to arsenic in the on-site soil. The caps consist of hardscape, soil caps, and/or landscaping.

The hardscape cap consists of concrete, asphalt and/or synthetic turf material. The two soil caps are composed of soil, decomposed granite, and/or crushed rock. Landscaping consists of plants and wood chips intended to cover bare soil. The San Mateo Union High School District completed all arsenic mitigation activities in January 2009.

In late-May 2018, DTSC and the San Mateo Union High School District will conduct a Site inspection. The inspection will identify: any changes in Site condition or usage; construction changes that affect the caps; identification and evaluation of any required repairs; and, other significant information relating to the caps. The inspection will include measurements and evaluation of the caps. A Five-Year Review Report documenting the inspection results and repairs will be submitted to DTSC for review and approval within 60 days of the inspection. If needed, the current Operations and Maintenance Plan will be updated to reflect changes since the implementation of the Remedy.

You can also review information at: <http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>. You can search by City or select "Site/Facility Search" and enter 204083 in the "Site Code" search field.

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