

**PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING
PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REPORT**

The Fresno County Office of Education (FCOE) has prepared a Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) Report in accordance with Education Code section 17213.1, subdivision (a)(4)(B). The FCOE has submitted the PEA Report to the California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) for review and is providing the PEA Report for public review and comment pursuant to Education Code section 17213.1, subdivision (a)(6)(A).

Project Designation:

Violet Heintz Education Academy (DTSC Site Code 104692).

Project Location:

The project site consists of 3.08 acres of land at 4939 East Yale Ave., Fresno, California. The site contains a 21,313 square foot building that was formerly used as a telephone company call center.

Description of Assessment:

As described in the PEA Report, the results of soil sampling and analysis indicate that concentrations of chlordane in certain areas of surface soil adjacent to the existing building exceed the level of concern for school sites. Chlordane is an organochlorine pesticide that was historically used to protect buildings from termites. Based on the PEA analytical results, remediation of the impacted-soil areas is recommended prior to renovation of the building to meet California school standards.

The PEA Report and Supporting Documents are Available for Review at:

Fresno County Office of Education
1111 Van Ness Avenue
Fresno, CA 93721
(559) 497-3721

Cedar-Clinton Branch Public Library
4150 East Clinton Avenue
Fresno, CA 93703
(559) 442-1770

Or on the Internet at the DTSC "EnviroStor" database (choose the "Activities" tab at the link below):
http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=60001414

Public Comment Period:

FCOE will receive written comments on the PEA report from August 1 to 30, 2011. The FCOE hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Written comments should be directed to Mr. Jeff Becker, Director of Facilities, at the FCOE address listed above.

Public Hearing:

A public hearing to discuss the PEA report will be held on August 18, 2011 at 2:00 p.m., or as close as the business of the County Board permits, at 1111 Van Ness Ave., Fresno, CA 93721. Verbal and written comments on the PEA report will be received during the public hearing.