



WILLOW PARK CLEANUP LEAD-CONTAMINATED SOIL REMOVAL

FACT SHEET

The Oakland Redevelopment Agency has concluded plans to remove soils containing high levels of lead from Willow Park, located at 1368 Willow Street in Oakland. The extent of lead-contaminated soil was confirmed during soil sampling investigations that were conducted in February and April 2004. The results are contained in the Additional Soil Sampling Evaluation Report, dated June 30, 2004. Lead-contaminated soil removal began on November 29, 2004 and is expected to be completed by December 10, 2004. Work is being performed by URS Corporation, a licensed Oakland-based environmental engineering company.

This work is being performed under a United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) brownfields loan to the Redevelopment Agency. The project is performed with oversight by the USEPA, the local environmental protection oversight agency, and the California EPA Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) located in Berkeley.

The cleanup will include the use of heavy backhoe machinery and waste disposal trucks. Field engineers will be onsite to oversee the work, to monitor the level of dust and the presence of lead using field instruments, and to take soil samples to confirm that the soils containing high levels of lead have been removed.

During the work to remove contaminated soils at the site, best work practices and controls will be used. These include dust controls that will prevent excavated and exposed soils to travel to adjacent residences, traffic plans to allow for the safe transit of waste hauling trucks to nearby freeways to reduce the nuisance to the surrounding community, and soil control measures to cover any temporary stockpiled soils. The site will remain secured during these activities, and until subsequently renovated. Active site excavation work will only be conducted during daylight working hours between 7:30 AM and 5 PM.

Dust controls for the site include wetting exposed soils with clean water and securing plastic sheeting on top of exposed excavation areas and temporary stockpiles. Dust monitoring instruments will be used to confirm that there has been no increase in airborne particles to adjacent downwind properties. Soil within the waste hauling trucks will be covered with roll-top tarps that have been secured.

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