

# 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.

## End of the **SECOND FIVE-YEAR REVIEW** For **Burlingame High School** Burlingame, California 94010

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has completed the Second Five-Year (5-Year) Review of the cleanup remedy at the Burlingame High School (Site) located at 400 Carolan Avenue in Burlingame, California. In August 2018, the San Mateo Union High School District (District) submitted a report as a part of the 5-Year Review. The purpose of a 5-Year Review is to make sure that the chosen remedy is still effective, functioning as designed and maintained appropriately to protect human health and the environment from exposure to arsenic in soil remaining at the Site.

The remedy was to cover (cap) the limited portions of the Site where arsenic remain in soil. The caps consist of hardscape, soil caps, and landscaping creating barriers to prevent or greatly reduce the risk of exposures to students and staff. The hardscape cap consists of concrete and, in some cases, compacted aggregate base underneath the concrete. The two soil caps are comprised of soil, decomposed granite, and/or crushed rock. Landscaping consists of plants and wood chips intended to cover bare soil. The capped areas are: 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 District completed all arsenic mitigation activities in January 2009. Part of the remedy is the long-term operation and maintenance (O&M) activities to monitor and protect the caps and land use restriction (i.e., land use covenant) on the Site. Additional works were conducted in the past few years that affected several capped areas (e.g., from a landscaping cap to a hardscape cap).

The DTSC approved the 2018 Arsenic Five-Year Summary Report documenting the inspection discoveries, the resolutions and the engineered cap measurements. The cap appears to be stable and functioning as designed. The landscape areas appeared to be intact and in good condition. The O&M Plan was updated to reflect the latest changes since the implementation of the Removal Action Workplan. The updated O&M Plan includes minor changes such as updates to the contact information for the O&M personnel and to the cost estimate.

Based on the results of the 5-Year Review, it appears the remedy is functioning as designed, and is being maintained appropriately. The remedy continues to be protective of human health and the environment. The Third 5-Year Review inspection is scheduled on or before June 30, 2022. 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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