

Alameda High School Swim Center Modernization

Environmental Fact Sheet - Spring 2025

2253 Encinal Avenue, Alameda, CA 94501
Cleanup Program Site Case No. RO0003666
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Alameda County Environmental Health Department (ACEHD) is issuing this fact sheet to provide information on environmental work associated with construction of the Alameda High School Swim Center (the “Site”). The Alameda Unified School District (AUSD or the “district”) is working under the oversight of ACEHD to investigate and clean up metals, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), pesticides and total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH or “petroleum”) detected in the subsurface in fill material and soil and/or groundwater. This fact sheet contains information on the Site, environmental investigations and next steps.

SITE BACKGROUND

In June 2024, AUSD began the swim center replacement project in the southeastern corner of the high school campus. During construction activities, lead impacted soil was found beneath the existing pool deck and tennis court. This type of finding, while unfortunate, is not unusual for projects in older urban locations that have a history of various past uses and non-native fill material. Since then, additional soil investigations have found elevated levels of metals, PCBs, pesticides and petroleum in soil, as well as metals and petroleum in groundwater. Under ACEHD oversight, AUSD is conducting additional investigations and will develop a cleanup plan to address environmental issues to ensure the long-term protection of school users and the surrounding community during and after construction of the swim center replacement project.

ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS

In April 2025, environmental consultants will collect samples of soil in the construction area and adjacent softball field. Data gathered during this work will be used to develop a plan to manage soil during construction in accordance with all environmental regulations.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Investigation activities will begin on April 9 and last less than one week. Work will take place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Friday. No weekend work is planned. Hand tools and a drill rig will be used to collect soil samples. Work in the softball field will not be done when the field is in use. Dust will be controlled; however, should you have a concern, please contact Tracy Craig at (510) 334-4866 (24/7) so that the situation can be addressed as quickly as possible.

NEXT STEPS

ACEHD will send out additional fact sheets to provide an update on the investigation results and the next steps in the process. Prior to the start of any cleanup work, ACEHD will hold a 30-day public comment period and public meeting to solicit input on the proposed plans.

For More Information and Questions:

You are invited to review the case file for the Alameda High School Swim Center project, including all technical documents, online at the State Water Resources Control Board GeoTracker website at <https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov> and searching for the address “2253 Encinal Avenue, Alameda.”

ACEHD and AUSD welcome your questions, comments, or concerns. For more information, please contact: Tracy Craig, Community Outreach, (510) 334-4866 (24/7) or tracy@craig-communications.com.