August 16, 2023

Staff, Teachers, Parents, Guardians and Students

Immokalee Technical College
508 North 9th Street
Immokalee, FL 34142

RE: Notice of Contaminated Soil on the Immokalee Technical College Campus

Dear Immokalee Technical College Staff, Teachers, Parents, Guardians and Students:

Collier County Public Schools (CCPS) is sharing this annual notice, which is required by Florida Statute 376.30702, to inform you of an area of contaminated soil on the Immokalee Technical College (ITC) campus. The location of the contaminated soil is in the southeastern area of the property, north of Immokalee Drive. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) reports there is no evidence of any threat to the health, safety, or welfare of our ITC staff, teachers, parents, guardians, students, and community.

The contamination was caused by an underground gasoline storage tank; this tank was removed in 1989 together with 109 tons of contaminated soil. Also, the contaminated area was remediated between December 1989 and August 1995. After this, the site was evaluated for contamination. The results of the evaluation resulted in an FDEP Site Score of "very low risk of exposure". The enclosed document, provided by the FDEP, describes the residual contaminants found in the contaminated area. The FDEP is awaiting priority funding to complete the contamination removal.

CCPS is sharing the enclosed information from the FDEP. If you have any questions concerning the contaminated area, please call the FDEP using the phone number in the attachment.

Sincerely,



Marc Rouleau
Chief Facilities Officer
Facilities Management Department
Collier County Public Schools

Table 1: Contaminants Identified at: Immokalee Technical Center
(Formerly Immokalee Middle School)
508 North 9th Street
Immokalee, Florida
DEP Facility #118626621

Contamination was discovered when a former underground gasoline storage tank was removed in December 1989 together with 109 tons of contaminated soil in the southeast portion of the property (formerly the site of Immokalee Middle School), south of the former agriculture garage and north of Immokalee Drive. This discharge was determined eligible for State funded cleanup in May 1991. From October 1990 through August 1995 a site assessment and remedial action plan were completed and a groundwater remediation system was installed and operated for two years. By August 1995 the groundwater contaminant concentrations had been significantly reduced but still above cleanup target levels in one location near the southern property boundary just north of Immokalee Drive. Further cleanup was suspended pending availability of State priority funding. The site was investigated again in September 2012 using State funds under the Low-Scored Site Initiative. At that time it was confirmed that soil contamination was not present, but groundwater contamination was found in one monitoring well above cleanup target levels in the same general area as previously documented in 1995. The site is currently awaiting priority funding for cleanup.

The risk of exposure is considered to be very low because the groundwater table is approximately eight feet below the surface, no soil contamination was found above the groundwater table, and the school and surrounding area are served by a public water supply.

Contaminant	Location (Medium)	Level Detected	Applicable Cleanup Target Level	Reason for Cleanup Target Level
		Water in µg/L Soil in mg/kg	Water in µg/L Soil in mg/kg	
Benzene	Groundwater	32.3	1	Health
Toluene	Groundwater	992	40	Taste/Odor
Ethylbenzene	Groundwater	379	30	Taste/Odor
Total Xylenes	Groundwater	2190	1400	Health
Naphthalene	Groundwater	20.7	14	Health
TRPH	Groundwater	5150	5000	Health

To assist you in understanding this information and to answer any questions, the DEP has established a toll-free information line where you may leave a recorded message and receive a call back within one business day. If you have questions concerning the cleanup of this site, please call the DEP toll-free number at **1-866-282-0787.** **Please refer to this letter and the above site information in your recorded** message. For more information on DEP's waste cleanup programs, visit www.floridadep.org/waste