

## CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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From: Department of Toxic Substances Control  
Site Mitigation & Restoration Program  
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**Subject:** FILING OF NOTICE OF DETERMINATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 21108 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

**Project Title:** Los Altos High School Expansion Removal Action Workplan

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2011092005

**Project Location:** 201 Almond Avenue, Los Altos

**County:** Santa Clara

**Project Applicant:** Mountain View – Los Altos Union High School District

**Project Description:** The project involves the capping of the naturally occurring asbestos (NOA) containing soils with school hardscapes and landscaping, buildings, and/or clean fill. The removal action objective (RAO) is to reduce the human health risks associated with the Contaminants of Concern (COCs) in soil at the Site to a level that is acceptable for the planned future redevelopment. The RAO at this Site is the prevention or reduction of exposure to NOA containing soils that exceed the DTSC Schools Unit guidelines for NOA.

The Site is an irregularly-shaped expansion area within the larger Los Altos High School (LAHS) parcel designated by the San Clara County Assessor's Office (SCCAO) as assessor's parcel number (APN) 170-60-001. The Site is approximately 2-acres in area along the eastern perimeter of LAHS. The school is located in a residential area of Los Altos. There are other redevelopment activities planned but they are not included in the DTSC oversight agreement.

The District's current redevelopment plans include:

- 1) Demolition of one permanent classroom building (600 Block), four portable structures, an existing small gym and associated exterior area - Completed 2019; and
- 2) Construction of a new classroom building and auxiliary gym in place of the former buildings (completed 2021).
- 3) Installation of two utility trenches; a northern trench approximately 370 feet in length, and an eastern trench approximately 550 feet in length.

The expansion will include the addition of 15 classrooms, with an expected increase in student population of up to approximately 410 students.

The selected remedial alternative involves the capping of the NOA containing soils with school hardscapes and landscaping, buildings, and/or clean fill. After Site grading, an indicator material will be placed on the subgrade soil in the landscaping/planter areas or prior to the placement of a clear import. The proposed building footprints will cap the large portion of the Site, with the remaining areas capped with concrete (i.e., walkways), asphalt (i.e., driveways, parking lots) or clean import fill material. An indicator material consisting of a plastic bright orange mesh, will be used between the native soils and the capping systems to alert workers to the presence of the NOA soils. This material is ideal because it does not degrade, drains easily, and is highly visible. The placement of the different type of capping materials will limit potential exposure of future Site users to the NOA. The field activities will be implemented using readily available standard construction equipment. Where import soils are used as a cap, it will be documented to be free of contamination and receive DTSC approval prior to the importing of the material to the Site. Import screening and testing will be conducted in accordance with DTSC guidance included as Appendix C of the RAW.

Notification to DTSC will be required each time a future activity of sufficient duration (i.e., remedial activities, grading, utility trenching, landscaping, or building foundations) penetrates the capping system or the geo-textile marker and extends into the NOA impacted soil. The notification and monitoring will be needed to document that adequate dust control measures are being taken to minimize the release of NOA fibers.

A long-term Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Plan will be required to monitor and maintain the long-term integrity and effectiveness of the implemented engineering controls at the site to ensure that the selected remedy continues to reduce or prevent future human exposures and/or health impacts from NOA impacted soil. An O&M Agreement between the

Mountain View – Los Altos Union High School District and DTSC will also be required to secure the necessary maintenance, monitoring, and reporting on the condition of the capped material. The O&M Agreement will be in place for as the long as the Site is used as a high school facility.

As a Responsible Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC approved the above-described project on January 26, 2022 and has made the following determinations:

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project by the Mountain View – Los Altos Union High School District pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of project approval.
4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.
5. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The administrative record for this project is available to the public by appointment at the following location:

Department of Toxic Substances Control  
Site Mitigation & Restoration Program  
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Additional project information is available on EnviroStor:

[https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile\\_report?global\\_id=60002914](https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report?global_id=60002914)

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