

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT  
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION**

To: Office of Planning and Research  
State Clearinghouse  
P.O. Box 3044, 1400 Tenth Street, Room 212  
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From: Department of Toxic Substances Control  
Site Mitigation and Restoration Program  
8800 Cal Center Drive  
Sacramento, CA 95826

**Subject:** FILING OF NOTICE OF DETERMINATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 21108 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

**Project Title:** Blue Oak Academy Expansion Project Removal Action Workplan

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2022100063

**Project Location:** 28050 Road 148, Visalia, CA 93292

**County:** Tulare

**Project Applicant:** Visalia Unified School District

**Project Description:** The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) approved the Blue Oak Academy Expansion Project (Project Site) Removal Action Workplan (RAW). The RAW presents the response action objectives, evaluates alternatives and describes the proposed response action for the 1.5-acre area associated with the Blue Oak Academy property located at 28050 Road 148, Visalia, California, 93292. The objective of the RAW is to address potential risk to human health and the environment by the excavation and offsite disposal of approximately 470 cubic yards of soil containing elevated concentrations of lead exceeding DTSC's residential land use screening level.

The Visalia Unified School District (District), as the Lead Agency, prepared the Blue Oak Academy Growth Project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND). The District approved the School Project on November 15, 2022. The project consists of the construction of a new administration and classroom building, expanding the existing parking lot with student drop-off and other associated site development on the existing Blue Oak Academy campus.

DTSC, as a CEQA Responsible Agency, conducted an independent analysis of potential environmental impacts associated with the remediation activities identified in the RAW. Based on the independent analysis, an Addendum to the IS/MND incorporating the environmental evaluation of the proposed RAW remediation to the School Growth Project was prepared. The Addendum concluded that the RAW remediation activities will not pose a significant adverse impact to human health or the environment.

As a Responsible Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC approved the above-described project on January 31, 2023 and has made the following determinations:

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A Mitigated Negative Declaration Addendum was prepared for this project 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:

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Additional project information is available on EnviroStor: [www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/](http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/)

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