



**PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT  
CLAIREMONT HIGH SCHOOL  
4150 Ute Drive, San Diego, California, 92117**

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Clairemont High School Auditorium**

**WHY THIS NOTICE?**

The San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) invites public comment on the Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) for a portion of Clairemont High School in San Diego, California. The 2.3-acre site located at 4150 Ute Drive, San Diego, California 92117 consists of the asphalt-paved parking lot and landscaped planter located northwest of Ute Drive, as well as an unpaved area located southeast of Ute Drive.

The PEA summarizes investigations done to evaluate environmental conditions at the site after burned wastes were encountered during construction activities. The environmental investigations found burned wastes at the site with thicknesses ranging from several inches to greater than 10 feet. Arsenic, lead, cadmium, dioxins and other metals commonly associated with burned waste sites were also found to be above levels accepted by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) for school sites. The majority of the area where unacceptable levels of contaminants were found is covered by asphalt or concrete paving and/or at least 4 feet of clean soil, **which prevents exposure to the public**. However, a small landscape planter running parallel to Ute Drive containing unacceptable levels of contaminants in shallow soil is unpaved, but is surrounded by fencing to restrict access and minimize potential exposure to the public.

Based on information developed during the PEA, the DTSC will make an informed decision regarding potential risks at the site. Possible outcomes of the PEA decision include the requirement for further assessment through limited additional site characterization, the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study process, or preparation of a Removal Action Work Plan or Remedial Action Plan.

**HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?**

This notice provides the community an opportunity to learn more about the project and provide input to SDUSD and DTSC about the proposed cleanup during the public comment period. Comments/questions concerning the PEA may be submitted in writing to Lisa Bestard, project manager, Ninyo & Moore, 5710 Ruffin Road, San Diego, CA 92123 or [lbestard@ninyoandmoore.com](mailto:lbestard@ninyoandmoore.com); and must be postmarked or e-mailed by **July 19, 2015**.

**WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?**

A copy of the PEA and other project documents are available at **San Diego Unified School District, Physical Plant Operations Center Annex, 4860 Ruffner Street, Room 5, San Diego, California, 92111** or online at [www.sandi.net/page/948](http://www.sandi.net/page/948) under Clairemont High School. For more information about the DTSC, please visit their website at [www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov).

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