

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
**OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT**

**Notice to Interested Parties**

December 31, 2002

**Announcement of a Public Workshop January 24, 2003 to Discuss and Receive Public  
Comments on the Draft Guidance for Assessing Exposures and Health Risks  
at Existing and Proposed School Sites**

The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) of the California Environmental Protection Agency has made available the first Draft Guidance for Assessing Exposures and Health Risks at Existing and Proposed School Sites. This draft guidance document was prepared to comply with California Health and Safety Code Section 901(f), which requires OEHHA to develop and publish a guidance document for use by the Department of Toxic Substances Control and other state and local environmental and public health agencies to assess exposures and health risks at existing and proposed school sites, and including child-specific routes of exposure unique to the school environment, in addition to those in existing exposure models. The draft document was posted on the OEHHA Web site on December 20, 2002. This one-day public workshop will be held from 10 AM to 3 PM on January 24, 2003, in the Sierra Hearing Room on the second floor of the Joe Serna (Cal/EPA headquarters) Building, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA, to discuss the scientific basis of the proposed guidance document. OEHHA follows the requirements set forth in Health and Safety Code, [Sections 57003\(a\)](#) and [116365](#), for conducting the workshop and receiving public input. Oral and written comments received at the workshop will be considered during the revision of the draft guidance document. Because there will be no official transcript of the meeting, we recommend that oral comments be also submitted in writing. Written comments must be received at **OEHHA by 5:00 p.m. on January 31, 2003, to be considered.**

Following the workshop and public comment period, OEHHA will evaluate all comments received, revise the document, and make the revised document available for a 30-day public review and scientific comment period. This second review and comment period will be announced and published in the California Regulatory Notice Register and posted on the OEHHA Web site. The responses to the significant comments from the public and scientific reviewers will be available on the OEHHA Web site upon publication of the final guidance document.

If you would like to receive further information on this announcement or have questions, please contact our office at (916) 323-6557 or the address below. Written requests or comments should be addressed to:

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