

## **EMERGING ISSUES: EXISTING SCHOOLS.**

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DTSC has been actively involved in school projects since 1995. A major emerging issue has been the increasing awareness of the potential magnitude of the problem of hazardous material contamination on existing school properties. A number of these schools were built from 30 to 40 years ago. The sources of these problems have varied with the schools, and while they tend to be situated in urban areas, rural and agricultural areas are not exempt from problems. In the past, some schools were built on poorly characterized and/or incompletely remediated sites. Even when the original school was built on clean property, it is not unusual for commercial and industrial facilities to be located adjacent or near the schools after the schools had been built, and subsequently contaminating the school site. DTSC has investigated and remediated a number of existing schools. A summary of the investigations at three of these schools is presented.