



Update on Environmental Issues from the Superintendent: Week ending Friday, April 4, 2014

Good afternoon. Here are some of the latest developments with our environmental work.

Environ – Upon our request, Environ is creating a work flow outline to help show, graphically, the steps they plan to take to conduct a comprehensive review and outline the work plans for DTSC and EPA review. ENVIRON will prepare two work plans – one work plan will be submitted to EPA and will address issues related to building materials (e.g., PCBs in caulk) and the second will be submitted to DTSC as part of the Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) process (e.g., soils). I have received the work flow outlines and they are attached. I want to stress a message that Environ has made clear to me: Environ does not have control over the calendars and priorities set by USEPA, Region IX or the DTSC. So it is important to note that timelines presented in their work flow outline are subject to change by the oversight agencies.

EPA Extension – Environ requested and received an extension from USEPA Region IX for the development of the plans requested in USEPA's letter of January 27, 2014.

Expert/Peer Review – Members of the community have requested that we present Environ's proposed work plans to a scientific panel for peer review. I appreciate that this question is about assurances that we are taking the necessary steps for accurate and appropriate testing and remediation. I believe that an excellent plan to address this point is in place. (1) Environ's quality assurance procedures include peer review by up to two internal senior reviewers and documentation of such reviews. (2) The proposed work plans are then presented by Environ to USEPA and/or DTSC for review and, as necessary, modifications. This review process can also be considered to be peer review. (3) The proposed work plan will be presented to the Board of Education and community prior to finalization. What I like about this process is that the plan presented to the Board, district and our school community, will be the best thinking of all the experts. I am concerned that if we add an additional layer, we will protract an already time-consuming process, and I am trying to balance a sense of urgency with the need to be thorough.

Implementation/Expert Assistance – We have contracted with Shala Craig, PhD, PE, LEED AP, QSD/QSP (Environmental Manager/Program Manager, Parsons), to assist the district staff with implementation of the work plan. At a meeting of the Task Force, the group discussed adding expertise to support the district's analysis and implementation of the work plan. The group fully supported adding Dr. Craig, who was also on the environmental engineering firm interview panel.

Survey Sent Today – DTSC and USEPA has requested that the survey that was developed by ENVIRON to collect input from teachers, employees and parents of children at Juan Cabrillo Elementary School and Malibu Middle/High School campuses on indoor environmental concerns, including concerns related to the PCBs in caulk previously detected at Malibu Middle/High School, be incorporated into the survey being developed by the DTSC for the PEA

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process. That survey went out today. We are asking all who receive it to please complete it by the requested date. We know it is over Spring Break, but it is imperative that they receive your input as soon as possible so that the development of the plans can be completed.

Summer School – I will be working with staff over Spring Break to discuss alternatives for Summer School, should it become apparent that there will be any impact on the campuses during that time frame. We will consult with Environ as they develop the timeline and make sure all are apprised as soon as possible.

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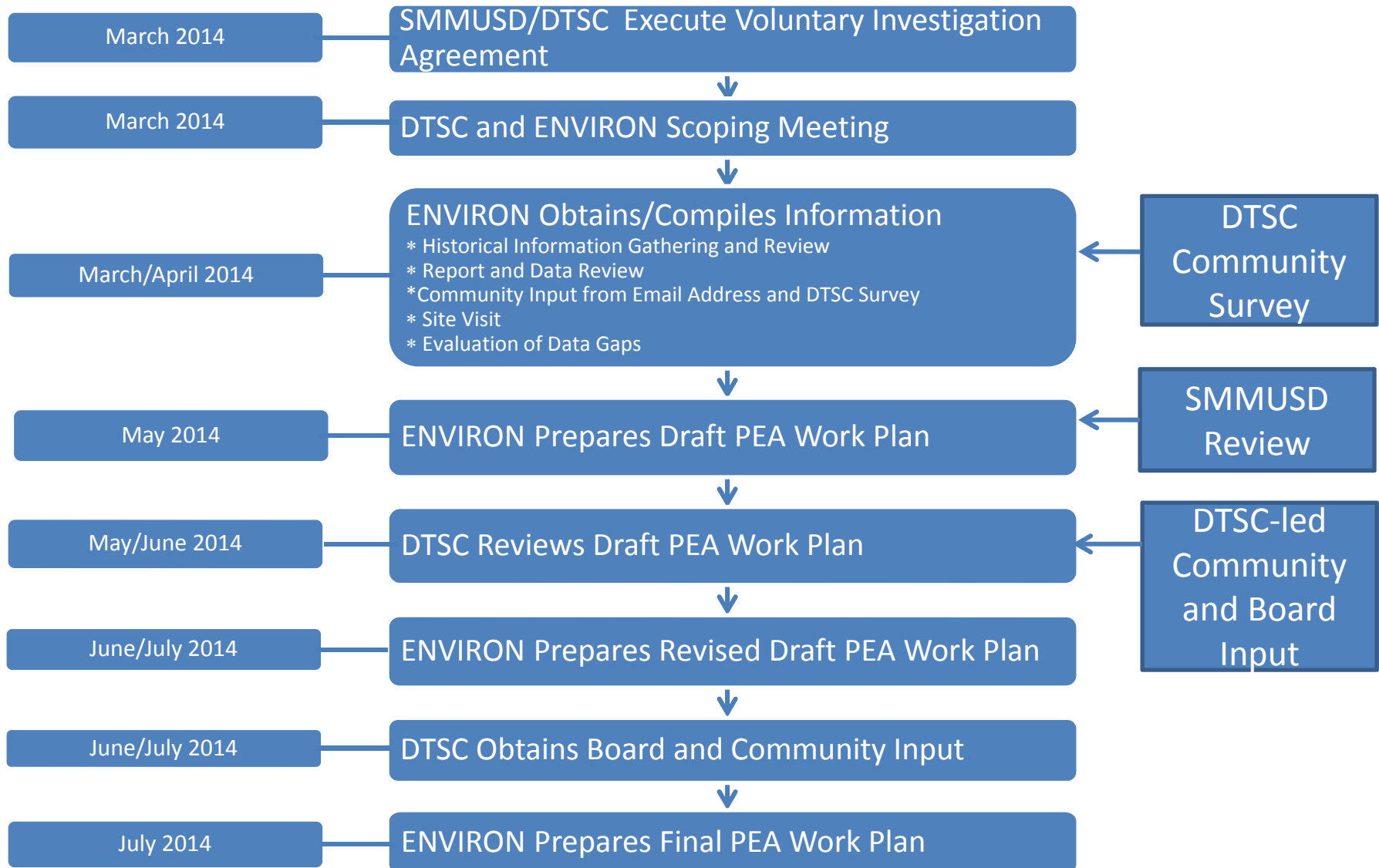
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Comprehensive PCB-Containing Building Materials Investigation, Management, and Cleanup Plan (Under USEPA) Steps and Estimated Schedule*



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DTSC Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) Work Plan Steps and Estimated Schedule



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