



Leonard Independent School District

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Dear LISD Parents and Staff,

Leonard ISD has been contacted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to inform us they will be starting a cleanup project near our campuses at the old Transformer Salvage Facility located at 905 N. Poplar Street as well as adjoining properties, alleyways, and drainage ditches. This location is across the street from the west end of the junior high school. This facility began operation in the mid-1970's and operated until approximately August 1999 according to their records. The facility was primarily a transformer recycling facility. The EPA conducted an evaluation of the facility area and will now begin the cleanup removal process in early November to remove elevated levels of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and co-located metals as would be anticipated with spillage of transformer oil and recycling of metals.

Furthermore, the cleanup will involve the demolition of the on-site building at 905 N. Poplar and concrete structures followed by excavation of soils from the impacted residential properties, alleyway, and industrial property. The EPA will be using water fog as a dust suppression method. The effectiveness of dust suppression activities will be evaluated based upon particulate air monitoring. If dust is visible from the EPA cleanup activities, it will be discontinued until water suppression is performed.

During this time, Leonard ISD will be putting some steps in place in order to have the least amount of impact on our students and staff. Our high school students attending ag or robotics classes will be re-routed through the junior high commons area so they will not be near the cleanup zone where machinery and semi-trucks will be present when going to and from these buildings. Once the EPA and the city decide on the best route the trucks will be entering and exiting the property, then you may notice some traffic pattern changes on the streets near the corner of N. Poplar and Cottonwood Streets.

The EPA will be hosting a come-and-go information session regarding this cleanup for those interested in attending. This will occur on Monday, Nov. 5 from 4:00-6:30p.m. in the LHS Cafeteria. If you have any questions, you can reach out to EPA or the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) relative to cleanup activities/issues or to the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) for health related questions. The contacts are:

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Sincerely,

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