

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY EXPANSION (PROJECT
#950456), PARKING LOT 27 (PROJECT #956452), AND RELATED CORPORATION YARD
REORGANIZATION AND EXISTING EH&S BUILDINGS RE-USE PROJECT
SCH#2011061014**

Notice is hereby given that the University of California, as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), in association with the University of California, Riverside (UCR) Office of Capital Resource Management (CRM), has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) Expansion (Project #950456), Parking Lot 27 (Project #956452), and Related Corporation Yard Reorganization and Existing EH&S Buildings Re-Use project in accordance with CEQA, the State CEQA Guidelines, and the UC CEQA Handbook. The DEIR tiers from the UCR 2005 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) EIR as supplemented and updated by the UCR 2005 LRDP Amendment 2 EIR, which was certified in November 2011.

PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed EH&S Expansion and Parking Lot 27 project site is located in the northeast portion of the East Campus, north of Linden Street, south of Watkins Drive, west of Valencia Hill Drive, and east of the UCR Corporation Yard and Transportation and Parking Services (TAPS) building. The Corporation Yard is located adjacent to the west of the proposed EH&S Expansion project site. The existing EH&S facility, which would be renovated subsequent to the construction of the EH&S Expansion building and reused as described below, is located in the southeastern part of the East Campus, at the intersection of South Campus Drive and East Campus Drive, east of the I-215/SR-60 freeway.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed EH&S Expansion project includes construction of a new single-story EH&S building to provide a long-term, consolidated campus facility for all EH&S functions. The building would include approximately 27,265 gross square feet of space, including about 18,674 assignable square feet. Uses would include administrative/office space; a safety learning center; laboratories; and materials handling and storage space for chemical, radiation, biomedical, and universal waste and building support services. Outside yard areas would house specialized storage containers and provide secure materials handling access. Access to the EH&S Expansion facility would be from Linden Street. A secured gate and driveway connecting to Watkins Drive would be provided for limited, occasional use by contracted licensed certified commercial waste off-haul trucks.

A new parking lot, Parking Lot 27, would be built at the east end of the proposed EH&S Expansion site to jointly serve the EH&S Expansion facility and the adjacent recreation fields. Approximately 50 parking spaces would be provided. Access to the lot would be via a driveway connecting to Linden Street.

The related projects include reorganization of the Corporation Yard, including demolition and replacement of an existing warehouse, and the transfer of the campus Mail Services and Printing and Reprographics operations to the existing EH&S buildings.

SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

The Draft EIR concludes that project implementation would result in significant noise impacts during construction. The project would also contribute to significant cumulative noise impacts during construction and operation. No feasible mitigation exists to reduce project level/or cumulative noise impacts to a less-than-significant level.

HOW TO REVIEW AND COMMENT

Copies of the Draft EIR are available for public review at the UCR Capital Programs - Capital Resource Management offices, 1223 University Avenue, Suite 200, Riverside, CA 92507. Additionally, the Draft EIR is available for viewing or downloading on the UCR website at <http://odc.ucr.edu>. Written comments on the Draft EIR must be received no later than January 23 at 5:00 PM (a 45-day public review period). Please send written comments to:

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Written comments can also be e-mailed to CEQA@ucr.edu

A public hearing to receive comments on the Draft EIR will be held on January 11, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room 2 at the Alumni-Visitors Center, 3701 Canyon Crest Drive, Riverside on the UCR Campus.

After the public review period, UCR will prepare a Final EIR for consideration and certification by the UCR Chancellor, as the delegate of the UC Board of Regents, under the delegated-authority process. This matter is currently scheduled for consideration of Final EIR certification and a decision as to whether to approve the project on or after February 20, 2012.

QUESTIONS?

Any questions regarding this project or the NOA may be directed to Ms. Thrasher at the e-mail address noted above, or by phone at 951.827.1484.