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## **More Extensive Soil Testing Scheduled at Westwind Site**

The Pendergast Elementary School District and its environmental engineers, Dominion Environmental Consultants, presented a voluntary remediation application Thursday (April 23) to representatives of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. The application applies to the future remediation plan for the soil on District's property at 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Campbell, the site of Westwind Intermediate and Westwind Primary schools.

Superintendent Ron Richards reported that ADEQ representatives will respond to the plan within 30 days. Meantime, the District's environmental engineers will begin more extensive soil testing next week (April 27-May 1).

The Pendergast District received a preliminary report in April that indicated that the Westwind Intermediate site had historical evidence of pesticides that predated the 1980 purchase of the site by the District. A preliminary site assessment was conducted in preparation for the construction of a new Westwind Intermediate School that was scheduled to begin in June with demolition of the existing facilities.

More information will be available in the coming weeks as test results are received.