

Office of Environmental Health and Safety Distance Criteria for School Siting

Feature	Description	Screening Perimeter ⁽¹⁾	Exclusion Zone ⁽²⁾	
Rail Line	Active rail lines, easements, and spurs.	1,500 ft	128 ft ⁽³⁾	
Cellular Phone Antennas	Cellular phone antennas	200 ft	Within or adjacent to site	
High Voltage Power Line	High voltage power lines determined to be 50kv or higher.		<u>Above-Ground</u>	<u>Below-Ground</u>
	➤50 – 200 kv	500 ft	100 ft	25 ft
	➤220 – 230 kv	500 ft	150 ft	37.5 ft
	➤500 – 550 kv	500 ft	350 ft	87.5 ft
Freeway / Major Transportation corridor	Freeways, State highways or designated roadways with more than 100,000 automobile trips per day. Rail lines with high volumes of traffic.	1,500 ft	500 ft	
Reservoirs, Water, or Fuel Storage Tanks	Reservoirs or water or fuel storage tank facilities.	1,500 ft	500 ft	
Hazardous Material Pipelines⁽⁴⁾	Transmission pipelines or industrial distribution pipelines, including those for conveying crude oil, natural gas, or other chemicals characterized as hazardous.	1,500 ft	50 ft	
Oil Field / Oil Production Facilities	Oil field/oil production facilities including existing and former oil wells and oil borings.	1,500 ft	50 ft	
Industrial Site / Superfund	Facilities with a potential to emit hazardous air contaminants or otherwise present a significant risk to school occupants.	1,500 ft	500 ft	
Landfill	Landfills authorized for the disposal of hazardous or non-hazardous wastes.	2,000 ft	500 ft	
Earthquake Faults	Mapped or well-defined active earthquake faults	1,500 ft	50 ft ⁽³⁾	

¹For proposed school sites, screening will be conducted within the perimeter to identify any of the features listed in Column 1.

²Exceptions can be made if supported by risk assessment and compliant with applicable law.

³Habitable school buildings and places of assembly shall be located outside the setback.

⁴Natural gas distribution lines used to service local neighborhoods are excluded.