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### NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR CAMPUS MASTER PLAN UPDATE, CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON

Dear Mr. Zordilla:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a Notice of Preparation of Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the California State University, Fullerton (CSUF).

The proposed project is to update the CSUF Educational and Facilities Master Plan to recommend future land uses, enhancement and replacement of existing facilities, infrastructure improvements, and improved intra-campus pedestrian connectivity.

DTSC recommends the following issues to be evaluated in the PEIR, Hazards and Hazardous Materials:

1. The EIR should identify and determine whether current or historic uses at the project site may have resulted in any release of hazardous wastes/substances.
2. If releases have occurred, further studies should be carried out to delineate the nature and extent of the contamination, and the potential threat to public health and/or the environment should be evaluated. The EIR should also identify the mechanism to initiate any required investigation and/or remediation and the government agency to provide appropriate regulatory oversight.

3. The EIR should identify any known or potentially contaminated sites within the proposed project area. For all identified sites, the EIR should evaluate whether conditions at those sites may pose a threat to human health or the environment.
4. The EIR should identify whether any buildings or other structures are to be demolished. If buildings or other structures are to be demolished, a survey should be conducted for the presence of lead-based paints or products, mercury, asbestos containing materials, and polychlorinated biphenyl caulk. Removal, demolition and disposal of any above-mentioned chemicals should be conducted in compliance with California environmental regulations and policies.
5. If the project proposes to import soil to backfill any excavated areas, proper sampling should be conducted to make sure that the imported soil is free of contamination. DTSC recommend the imported materials be characterized according to the Information Advisory Clean Imported Fill Material ([https://dtsc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2018/09/SMP\\_FS\\_Cleanfill-Schools.pdf](https://dtsc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2018/09/SMP_FS_Cleanfill-Schools.pdf)).
6. If the site has been used for agricultural, weed abatement or related activities, proper investigation for organochlorinated pesticides should be discussed in the EIR.

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to review the PEIR. Should you need any assistance in environmental investigation and/or remediation, please submit a request for Lead Agency Oversight Application which can be found at: <https://dtsc.ca.gov/brownfields/voluntary-agreements-quick-reference-guide/>.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (714) 484-5392 or by e-mail at [ChiaRin.Yen@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:ChiaRin.Yen@dtsc.ca.gov).

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