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REVIEW OF DRAFT INITIAL STUDY AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE ATWATER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT JUNIPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECT (SCH# 2019120473)

Dear Mr. Delworth:

The Northern California Schools Unit of the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has reviewed the Initial Study (IS) and Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Juniper Elementary School Project proposed by the Atwater Elementary School District (District). The due date to submit comments is February 22, 2021.

Based on a review of the draft IS/MND, DTSC would like to provide the following comment:

1. Reference is made in Section E.9.a.-c. of the IS (Hazards and Hazardous Materials) of the need to conduct an environmental review process overseen by DTSC. DTSC issued an approval of the Preliminary Environmental Assessment Report (PEA Report – Kleinfelder, January 27, 2021) with a determination of No Action required on February 12, 2021. DTSC recommends E.9.a.-c. of the draft IS/MND be revised to include a reference to DTSC's approval of the PEA Report.

DTSC is also administering the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Program, which provides revolving loans to investigate and clean up hazardous materials at properties where redevelopment is likely to have a beneficial impact to a community. These loans are available to developers, businesses, schools, and local governments.

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For additional information on DTSC's Schools process or RLF Program, please visit DTSC's web site at www.dtsc.ca.gov. If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact me at (916) 255-3695, or via email at Bud.Duke@dtsc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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