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REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY COMMENT FOR THE SANGER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, DEL REY-NORTH ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION CAMPUS PROJECT, DEL REY AND NORTH AVENUE, SANGER, FRESNO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA (SCH#2020069017)

Dear Mr. Kilby:

The Northern California Schools Unit of the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has received the Request for Preliminary Comment (RPC) for the Del Rey-North Alternative Education Campus Project proposed by the Sanger Unified School District (District). The due date to submit comments is July 10, 2020.

The District's project consists of the construction and operation of facilities to serve community day school, continuation high school and independent study for students in the District. The project will relocate existing similar functions located elsewhere in the District to this site. The project will provide up to five relocatable classrooms for community day school use and up to seven relocatable classrooms for continuation high school and independent study use. The groups of classrooms will be separated by an expanse containing a food consumption area, administrative offices, blacktop courts and a turfed area for activities. The community day school will serve approximately 50 students in grades 7-10 and the continuation high school will serve approximately 100 students on campus and approximately 80 students through the independent study program. There will be 18 faculty and staff employed on site.

On August 1, 2016, DTSC approved a Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) report for the District's New School Site located northeast of the intersection of North Avenue and Del Rey Avenue in Sanger, Fresno County, California (Site). The PEA report and additional DTSC Site documentation can be found at https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=60002132. The PEA report presents investigation results and conclusions based on a health risk screening evaluation for the Site conducted by the District in late 2015 under DTSC oversight. The PEA investigation included soil sampling for the following potential impacts:

- Lead in soils from lead-based paint associated with former structures;
- Arsenic and copper in soils from historic agricultural activities; and
- Organochlorine pesticides (OCPs) in soils from historical termiticide application and agricultural activities.

The PEA report concluded the following:

- Lead concentrations in soils associated with lead-based paint associated with former structures were below the DTSC specified human health-risk based residual;
- Arsenic and copper concentrations in soils were within background levels; and
- OCP concentrations in soils, associated with historical termiticide application and agricultural activities, were below their respective Regional Screening Levels.

As a result, no human health risk was apparent from the reported chemical data and no further health risk calculations were undertaken. The PEA report recommended no further action for the Site. DTSC concurred with the conclusions and approved the PEA report and issued a determination of No Further Action (NFA) on August 1, 2016.

DTSC recommends that the District retain an environmental consultant, professionally licensed by the state of California, to provide confirmation that conditions at the Site have not changed since conducting the PEA investigation in 2015. If it is determined that conditions at the Site have changed, it may be necessary to conduct additional investigation activities and perform another health risk screening evaluation.

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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