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**Cargill, INC Solar Salt System Maintenance Project- Notice of Preparation (NOP)
of an Environmental Assessment (EA)**

Dear Michael Ng:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Cargill Solar Salt System Maintenance Project. We are committed to ensuring that impacts to the State's multimodal transportation system and to our natural environment are identified and mitigated to support a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system. The following comments are based on our review of the August 2020 NOP EA.

Project Understanding

The proposed project intends to continue maintenance procedures on the existing Cargill Solar Salt complex ponds. These ponds are located in both Alameda County on the east shore of San Francisco Bay and in San Mateo County, both sites accessible from State Route (SR)- 84 Dumbarton Bridge.

Project-Related Impacts

Potential impacts to the State Right-of-Way (ROW) from project-related temporary access points should be analyzed. Mitigation for significant impacts due to construction and noise should be identified in the EA. Project work that requires movement of oversized or excessive load vehicles on state roadways requires a transportation permit that is issued by Caltrans. To apply, visit: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/transportation-permits>.

Prior to construction, coordination may be required with Caltrans to develop a

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Transportation Management Plan (TMP) to reduce construction traffic impacts to the STN.

Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Laurel Sears at laurel.sears@dot.ca.gov. Additionally, for future notifications and requests for review of new projects, please contact LDIGR-D4@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Leong". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal tail on the "g".

Mark Leong
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cc: State Clearinghouse