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RE: REVISED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE CARGILL,
INCORPORATED SOLAR SEA SALT SYSTEM DATED AUGUST 22, 2024, STATE
CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER [2020080442](#)

Dear Michael Ng,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a Revised Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Cargill, Incorporated Solar Sea Salt System (project). This revised Draft EA analyzes the environmental impacts of the proposed continued maintenance and operation activities of Cargill, Incorporated's Solar Salt System in Newark and Redwood City, California. Subsequent to the release of the April 2021 Draft EA, Cargill has proposed changes to the project, and BCDC has determined that it is appropriate to recirculate the Draft EA reflecting the revised information. After reviewing the project, DTSC recommends and requests consideration of the following comments:

1. There are several areas of which DTSC has regulatory oversight over that are within the proposed project site, whether they are listed as having documented contamination, land use restrictions, are subject to a Hazardous

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Waste Facility Permit, or the potential for the project site to be included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. Therefore, DTSC recommends further coordination with the Department in the event that the proposed project may impact any of the areas that may fall under DTSC's oversight. Please review the project area in [EnviroStor](#); DTSC's public-facing database and coordinate with the Department if any suspected decisions may impact these areas of which DTSC oversees.

Please refer to the [City of Newark](#) and [Redwood City EnviroStor Map](#) for additional information about the areas of potential contamination. If further concerns or impacts surface in light of the any forthcoming environmental documents, DTSC reserves the right to provide additional and applicable comments at that time.

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Draft EA for the Cargill, Incorporated Solar Sea Salt System Thank you for your assistance in protecting California's people and environment from the harmful effects of toxic substances. If you have any questions or would like clarification on DTSC's comments, please respond to this letter or via [email](#) for additional guidance.

Sincerely,

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