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RE: NOTICE OF PREPARATION (NOP) OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DEIR) FOR THE BURBANK DOWNTOWN TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT SPECIFIC PLAN, DATED NOVEMBER 16, 2023 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE # [2021050436](#)

Dear Leonard Bechet,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a NOP of a DEIR for the Burbank Downtown Transit Oriented Development Specific Plan. This is a recirculation of the previous NOP, which stated that the EIR will analyze the development potential of up to 5,656 new residential units, 4,042,139 square feet of commercial and industrial development, and 871 hotel rooms. The recirculation is intended to account for a revised project that will establish objective development standards to facilitate the development of up to 9,944 new residential units, 6,083,657 square feet of commercial and industrial development, 981 hotel rooms, introduces the utilities infrastructure upgrades needed to support the proposed development,

introduces improvements to the pedestrian network, and provides transit-supportive objective design standards within the 965-acre Specific Plan Area in the City of Burbank, California. DTSC has identified that this project may affect multiple sites within the project boundaries therefore, based on our project review, we request the consideration of the following comments:

1. The proposed project encompasses multiple active and nonactive mitigation and clean-up sites where DTSC has conducted oversight that may be impacted as a result of this project. This may restrict what construction activities are permissible in the proposed project areas in order to avoid any impacts to human health and the environment.
2. Due to the broad scope of the project, DTSC is unable to determine all of the locations of the proposed project site, whether they are listed as having documented contamination, land use restrictions, or whether there is the potential for the project site to be included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. DTSC recommends providing further information on the project site and areas that may fall under DTSC's oversight within the project area. Please review the [City of Burbank's project area](#) in [EnviroStor](#); DTSC's public-facing database.

DTSC believes the City of Burbank must address these comments to determine if any significant impacts under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) will occur and, if necessary, avoid significant impacts under CEQA. DTSC recommends the department connect with our unit if any hazardous waste projects managed or overseen by DTSC are discovered.

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Burbank Downtown Transit Oriented Development Specific Plan. 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 any clarification on DTSC's comments, please respond to this letter or via [email](#) for additional guidance.

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Sincerely,

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