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NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE LANDING PASO ROBLES – DATED MAY 2021 (STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2021050487)

Ms. Cummings:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a Notice of Preparation of Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Landing Paso Robles (Project). The Lead Agency is receiving this notice from DTSC because of the Project's proximity to the former Estrella Airfield and current Paso Robles Municipal Airport (Airport). Use of approximately 967 acres of the Airport by the U.S. Army was initiated in August 1942. The Army constructed Estrella Airfield to train Army pilots. On August 29, 1947, the United States Government conveyed through quitclaim deed all 967 acres to the County of San Luis Obispo. San Luis Obispo County leased the Airport to Southwest Airlines beginning in March 1950 until an unknown time. San Luis Obispo County sold the site to the City of Paso Robles in 1973. Hazardous wastes generated at the site include solvents, battery acids, and potential fuel releases from underground storage tanks. At least 15 underground storage tanks have been documented at the Airport and were used for storage of heating oil, waste oil, and fuel. The site has not yet been investigated for environmental concerns. Use of the [Airport by the City of Paso Robles](#) has continued to the present. Undiscovered contaminants of concern, resulting from military or other aeronautical operations, may remain in the Airport's subsurface. DTSC recommends that additional investigation be conducted prior to any development to evaluate if releases occurred and contamination exists within the Project area and surrounding areas.

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Should you need any assistance with an environmental investigation, please submit a [request for Lead Agency Oversight Application](#). Additional information regarding voluntary agreements with DTSC can be found on [DTSC's Brownfield website](#)..

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 255-3710 or via email at Gavin.McCreary@dtsc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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