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NOTICE OF PREPARATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS EDUCATION CENTER PROJECT (SCH #2022020343)

Dear Ms. Tang:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has received your Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Riverside Unified School District Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education Center project. The project is located at the southwest corner of Blaine Street and Canyon Crest Drive, University of California, Riverside East Campus, Riverside (Site).

The proposed project is expected to serve a capacity of approximately 800 students and approximately 60 faculty and staff with a split schedule between mornings and afternoons. The proposed STEM Education Center site is approximately 6 acres and is located within an urbanized area within the University Campus.

DTSC recommends the following items be addressed in the EIR:

1. Discuss current or historic uses of the project Site that may have resulted in a release of hazardous wastes/substances.
2. Identify any known or potentially releases, investigations and/or contamination within the project Site and evaluate whether conditions at the project Site may pose a threat to human health or the environment.

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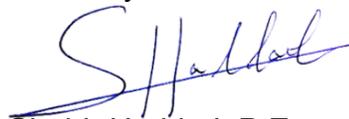
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3. Identify the mechanism to initiate any required investigation and/or remediation, if needed, and the government agency to provide appropriate regulatory oversight.
4. Discuss potential presence of hazardous chemicals related to building materials, such as lead-based paints, mercury, asbestos containing materials, and polychlorinated biphenyl caulking materials. If these chemicals are identified, removal and disposal should be conducted in accordance with applicable local, state and federal regulations and policies.
5. If there are any recognized environmental conditions in the project area, then proper investigation, sampling and remedial actions overseen by the appropriate regulatory agencies should be conducted prior to the new development or any construction. DTSC recommends environmental review under the DTSC schools branch oversight prior to construction to ensure the school is safe for students and staff.
6. Discuss whether project may require soil excavation or filling in certain areas. If soil is contaminated, it must be properly characterized and disposed of. If the project proposes to import soil to backfill the areas excavated, DTSC recommends sampling be conducted in accordance with DTSC's Information Advisory Clean Imported Fill Material (https://dtsc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2018/09/SMP_FS_Cleanfill-Schools.pdf)
7. Discuss procedures to be taken if the soil and/or groundwater contamination is suspected during construction/demolition of the project.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Johnson P. Abraham, Project Manager, at (714) 484-5380 or Johnson.Abraham@dtsc.ca.gov or me at (714) 484-5368 or Shahir.Haddad@dtsc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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