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LAND USE PERMIT #CDLP20-02056: BIGGE CRANE CONTRACTOR'S YARD –
DATED DECEMBER 2022 (STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2022120624)

Dear Mr. Vogelpohl:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Land Use Permit #CDLP20-02056: Bigge Crane Contractor's Yard project (Project). The Lead Agency is receiving this notice from DTSC because the Project includes one or more of the following: groundbreaking activities and/or importation of backfill soil. Additionally, the Project site abuts a DTSC site known as the [Port Chicago Highway Site](#) (Site). Between 1966 and 1979, the Site was used for lead smelting by the Western Lead Burning Company. The company produced liners for the insides of tanks made with lead and plastic. The company also sold lead to x-ray offices and hospitals. It is possible that lead contamination migrated from the lead smelting operations onto the proposed Project site.

DTSC recommends that the following issues be evaluated in the Hazards and Hazardous Materials section of the MND:

1. The MND references the listing compiled in accordance with California Government Code Section 65962.5, commonly known as the Cortese List. Not all sites impacted by hazardous waste or hazardous substances will be found on the Cortese List. DTSC recommends that the Hazards and Hazardous Materials section of the MND address actions to be taken for any sites impacted by hazardous waste or hazardous substances within the Project area, not just those

found on the Cortese List. DTSC recommends consulting with other agencies that may provide oversight to hazardous waste facilities or sites impacted with hazardous substances in order to determine a comprehensive listing of all sites impacted by hazardous waste or substances within the Project area. DTSC hazardous waste facilities and sites with known or suspected contamination issues can be found on DTSC's [EnviroStor](#) data management system. The [EnviroStor Map](#) feature can be used to locate hazardous waste facilities and sites with known or suspected contamination issues for a county, city, or a specific address. A search within EnviroStor indicates that numerous hazardous waste facilities and sites with known or suspected contamination issues are present within the Project's region.

2. A State of California environmental regulatory agency such as DTSC, a Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), or a local agency that meets the requirements of [Health and Safety Code section 101480](#) should provide regulatory concurrence that the Project site is safe for construction and the proposed use.
3. The MND should acknowledge the potential for historic or future activities on or near the Project site to result in the release of hazardous wastes/substances on the Project site. In instances in which releases have occurred or may occur, further studies should be carried out to delineate the nature and extent of the contamination, and the potential threat to public health and/or the environment should be evaluated. The MND should also identify the mechanism(s) to initiate any required investigation and/or remediation and the government agency who will be responsible for providing appropriate regulatory oversight.
4. If any projects initiated as part of the proposed Project require the importation of soil to backfill any excavated areas, proper sampling should be conducted to ensure that the imported soil is free of contamination. DTSC recommends the imported materials be characterized according to DTSC's 2001 [Information Advisory Clean Imported Fill Material](#).
5. If any sites included as part of the proposed Project have been used for agricultural, weed abatement or related activities, proper investigation for organochlorinated pesticides should be discussed in the MND. DTSC recommends the current and former agricultural lands be evaluated in accordance with DTSC's 2008 [Interim Guidance for Sampling Agricultural Properties \(Third Revision\)](#).

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DTSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the MND. Should you choose DTSC to provide oversight for any environmental investigations, please visit DTSC's [Site Mitigation and Restoration Program](#) page to apply for lead agency oversight. Additional information regarding voluntary agreements with DTSC can be found at [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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gavin McCreary". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

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