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DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL (DTSC) COMMENTS ON THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE RIDGEWAY DRIVE MAJOR GRADING PLAN DATED AUGUST 10, 2023 – STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: [2023080247](#)

Dear Souphalak Sakdarak:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Ridgeway Drive Major Grading Plan. The Initial Study does not mention encountering or the handling of any hazardous materials when demolition activities are executed on the single-family residential structure built in 1946 therefore, DTSC recommends that the following be considered for this project:

1. If buildings or other structures are to be demolished on any project sites included in the proposed project, surveys should be conducted for the presence of lead-based paints or products, mercury, asbestos containing materials, and polychlorinated biphenyl caulk. Removal, demolition, and disposal of any of the above-mentioned chemicals should be conducted in

compliance with California environmental regulations and policies. In addition, sampling near current and/or former buildings should be conducted in accordance with DTSC's 2006 [Interim Guidance Evaluation of School Sites with Potential Contamination from Lead Based Paint, Termiticides, and Electrical Transformers](#)

2. 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](#) webpage.

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the project. Should you have any questions or comments, simply reply to this letter or via [email](#), thanks!

Sincerely,



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