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RE: MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND) FOR THE LIFE BIBLE
CHURCH EXPANSION, DATED OCTOBER 11, 2023 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE #
[2023100311](#)

Dear Azhar Khan:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a MND for the Life Bible Church Expansion. The expansion includes a conditional use permit for a phased project to construct an 18,800 square foot building, repurpose an existing 17,283 square foot worship center and demolish an existing building to be replaced with a 16,000 square foot worship center on a 4.93-acre parcel. Based on our project review, there will be demolition activities in both phases of the project therefore, we request the consideration of the following comments:

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 believes the County of San Bernardino 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 County of San Bernardino connect with our unit if any hazardous waste projects managed or overseen by DTSC are discovered.

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Life Bible Church Expansion. 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.

Sincerely,



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