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RE: NOTICE OF PREPARATION (NOP) FOR A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT REPORT (DEIR) FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WESTSIDE AREA
PLAN, DATED NOVEMBER 15, 2023 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE # [2023110409](#)

Dear Julie Yom,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a NOP of a DEIR for the Los Angeles County Westside Plan. The Westside Area Plan (WSAP) is a community-based plan that focuses on land use and policy issues that are specific to the unique characteristics and needs of the project area. The WSAP is a long-range policy document that will guide long-term growth of the unincorporated communities in the project area through development of goals, policies, and implementation actions. The proposed project would amend the General Plan to establish both areawide and community-specific goals and policies to address local land use concerns and issues. The WSAP would also implement land use and zoning updates based on recommendations from the recently approved General Plan's 6th Cycle Housing Element 2021-2029 (Housing Element) as well as new land use and zone changes to facilitate additional housing opportunities and ensure consistency between zoning and

land use designations.

DTSC has identified that this project may affect multiple sites within the project boundaries therefore, based on our project review, we request the consideration of the following comments:

1. The proposed project encompasses multiple active and nonactive mitigation and clean-up sites where DTSC has conducted oversight that may be impacted as a result of this project. This may restrict what construction activities are permissible in the proposed project areas in order to avoid any impacts to human health and the environment.
2. Due to the broad scope of the project, DTSC is unable to determine all of the locations of the proposed project site, whether they are listed as having documented contamination, land use restrictions, or whether there is the potential for the project site to be included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. DTSC recommends providing further information on the project site and areas that may fall under DTSC's oversight within the DEIR. DTSC may provide additional comments on the DEIR as further information becomes available. Please review the [Los Angeles County project area](#) in [EnviroStor](#); DTSC's public-facing database.

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

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Los Angeles County WSAP. 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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