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RE: MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND) FOR THE CITY OF
ADELANTO 2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE, DATED NOVEMBER 21,
2023 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE # [2023110567](#)

Dear Louis Morales,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a MND for the City of Adelanto 2021-2029 Housing Element Update. The Update analyzes potential environmental impacts associated with adoption of the City of Adelanto's 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Housing Element. The City of Adelanto Housing Element Update (HEU) is a State-required General Plan Element. The intent of the Housing Program is to ensure the housing needs of all economic segments of the community will be met through December 31, 2029. The Housing Program includes goals, policies, and actions that the City will undertake to meet its housing needs, identification of funding sources, responsible entities, and time frames for implementation. The Adelanto Housing Program provides an eight-year plan for the 6th Cycle reporting period that extends from 2021 to 2029. 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. Please review the [City of Adelanto project area](#) in [Envirostor](#); DTSC's public-facing database.

DTSC believes the City of Adelanto 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 City of Adelanto 2021-2029 Housing Element Update. 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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