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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

RE: Former Berk Oil & Pacific Metal Craft Site:  
Removal Action Work Plan  
SCH # 2024020043  
Vic. LA-710/PM 18.81  
GTS # 2024-04441-MND

Dear Jeremy Barela:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced environmental document. The Removal Action Work Plan (Project) proposes the excavation of soil impacted with Benzo(a)Pyrene and Lead at the former Berk Oil and Pacific Metal Craft Site properties located at 5614, 5622, and 5636 Shull Street in Bell Gardens, California. The estimated volume of impacted soil for removal is 5,000 cubic yards. The excavated soil will be transported and appropriately disposed of off-site. To ensure safety and compliance, appropriate mitigation measures will be implemented throughout excavation activities, and confirmation soil samples will be taken for contingency measures.

Implementation of the proposed project is expected to have a short-term and minimal impact on the existing transportation system. The site is located within 1,200 feet of a city trolley stop and 2,500 feet of a Metro bus stop. Minimal car trips (up to six vehicles for equipment operators and oversight personnel) will occur before and after each workday as workers enter and leave the project site over the estimated 44-day (or 9-week) project duration. Transportation of heavy equipment to and from the project site and material export/import could temporarily (but not substantially) affect the existing transportation system at and in the vicinity of the project site, specifically along Shull Street. The project schedule is estimated to span 44 days (9 weeks); with the transportation export of materials (i.e., site debris, vegetation, concrete, etc.) is projected to involve 265 trips utilizing semi-truck trailer end dump trucks over a span of 7 days; impacted soil export (excavated soils) is projected to involve 400 trips with semi-truck

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trailer end dump trucks over the span of 10 days; and backfill material import (clean soils) is projected to involve 400 trips with semi-truck trailer end dump trucks over the span of 10 days. Implementation of the project would have a less than significant impact relative to VMT.

Any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials that require the use of oversized transport vehicles on State highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. Any large-size truck trips should be limited to off-peak commute periods.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Alan Lin the project coordinator at (213) 269-1124 and refer to GTS # 2024-04441-MND.

Sincerely,

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