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RE: MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND) FOR PURCHASE OF A 6.39 ACRE SITE (APN 030-740-002) AND USE PERMIT #UP-24;3-1: AFD STATION 114 RELOCATION (PROJECT), DATED MARCH 29, 2024 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER [2024031176](#)

Dear Krista C Ruesel,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a MND for the project. The project will relocate the existing Amador Fire Protection District (AFPD) Station #114, currently located at 19840 Highway 88, Pine Grove, CA, to 19302 Ridge Road, Pine Grove, CA (approximately one-half mile to the west). The project involves the purchase of a 6.39-acre site and construction of a 22,500 square-foot fire station housing 3 fire engines and 1 water tender, plus a 1,000 square-foot training tower with a height of 35 feet. The station will be occupied by a minimum of two personnel on a 24-hour per day schedule. The existing station building is owned by the Pine Grove Community Services District (PGCSD) and will remain in place for PGCSD use. After

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review of the project, DTSC recommends and requests consideration of the following comments:

1. DTSC recommends that all imported soil and fill material should be tested to ensure any contaminants of concern are within DTSC's and U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Regional Screen Levels (RSLs) for the intended land use. To minimize the possibility of introducing contaminated soil and fill material there should be documentation of the origins of the soil or fill material and, if applicable, sampling be conducted to ensure that the imported soil and fill material meets screening levels outlined in the [PEA](#) for the intended land use. The soil sampling should include analysis based on the source of the fill and knowledge of the prior land use.

Additional information can be found by visiting [DTSC's Human and Ecological Risk Office \(HERO\) webpage](#).

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the MND for the project. 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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