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RE: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE SAN GABRIEL
CEMETERY EXPANSION PROJECT DATED APRIL 17, 2024 STATE
CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER [2024040743](#)

Dear Samantha Tewart,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the San Gabriel Cemetery Expansion Project. The proposed project would demolish the existing building on-site and develop approximately 596 in-ground cemetery plots and columbarium. The proposed cemetery plots and columbarium design will be consistent with existing design present on the grounds of the cemetery. After reviewing the project, DTSC recommends:

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

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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 Preliminary Endangerment Assessment \(PEA\) Guidance Manual](#).

2. 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 DEIR for the San Gabriel Cemetery Expansion 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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