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RE: NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
FOR THE CITY OF VENTURA GENERAL PLAN UPDATE DATED MAY 1, 2024
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE #[2024050045](#)

Dear Rachel Dimond,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the City of Ventura General Plan Update (project). The 2050 General Plan Update will direct decision making and establish rules and standards for city improvements and new development. The Plan reflects the community's vision for the future and is intended to provide direction through the year 2050. Additionally, the update will equip the City of Ventura with a policy framework to responsibly manage future projects and have the capacity to accommodate the growth and development anticipated to occur in the city for the next 25 years. DTSC requests 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 the locations of the proposed sites, whether they are listed as having documented contamination, land use restrictions, or whether there is the potential for the sites to be included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. Therefore, DTSC recommends providing further information on the proposed project and areas that may fall under DTSC's oversight within future environmental documents. Once received, DTSC may provide additional comments on future environmental documents as further information becomes available. Please review the project area in [EnviroStor](#), DTSC's public-facing database.

DTSC believes the City of Ventura 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. Please refer to the [City of Ventura EnviroStor Map](#) for additional information about the areas of potential contamination.

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the NOP of a DEIR for the City of Ventura General Plan 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.

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