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RE: NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
FOR THE 2045 GENERAL PLAN RESET DATED JUNE 3, 2024 STATE
CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER [2024060037](#)

Dear Akanksha Chopra,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the 2045 General Plan Reset (project). The proposed project is an update to the City of San Carlos 2030 General Plan to amend the buildout capacity of the City of San Carlos General Plan.

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 San Carlos 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 San Carlos EnviroStor Map](#) for additional information about the areas of potential contamination. If further concerns or impacts surface in light of the forthcoming EIR, DTSC reserves the right to provide applicable comments at that time.

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the NOP of a DEIR for the 2045 General Plan Reset. 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.

Akanksha Chopra

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Kereazis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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