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RE: MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE TESORO CALCINER
DEMOLITION PROJECT, DATED JUNE 07, 2024, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE
NUMBER [2024060251](#)

Dear Amy Wong,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Tesoro Calciner Demolition Project (project). Tesoro Refining and Marketing Company (Tesoro) proposes to demolish the existing Calciner facility consisting of above grade buildings, underground storage tanks, process equipment, structures, footings, piers, piles, vessels, piping, electrical equipment, instrumentation, concrete slabs and asphalt paving. Existing railroad tracks, rail spurs, other rail-related equipment, and a Southern California Edison Company electrical substation and its associated equipment would remain on-site. There is currently no proposed new development, no proposed new operations, or proposed new land uses at the site following activities associated with the proposed Project.

After reviewing the Project, DTSC recommends and 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. The MND should acknowledge the potential for historic or future activities on or near the [TCL Corp/TCL3](#) site due to the release of hazardous wastes/substances on or near the site. In instances in which releases have occurred or may occur, further studies should be carried out to delineate the nature and extent of the contamination, and the potential threat to public health and/or the environment should be evaluated.
3. 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 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](#).
4. 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

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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 Tesoro Calciner Demolition 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,

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

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