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RE: MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE GRAPEFRUIT 92-KV  
SWITCHING STATION PROJECT DATED AUGUST 06, 2024, STATE  
CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER 2024080227

Dear Donald Vargas,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Grapefruit 92-kV Switching Station Project (Project). The proposed Project involves demolition of the 6,269 square foot J26 Date Growers Building and the construction of a new 92-kV switching station. After reviewing the project, DTSC recommends and requests consideration of the following comments:

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 disposal of any of the above-mentioned chemicals should be conducted in compliance with California environmental regulations and policies. In addition,

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sampling near current and/or former buildings should be conducted in accordance with [DTSC's Preliminary Endangerment Assessment Guidance Manual](#).

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the MND for the Grapefruit 92-kV Switching Station 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 clarification on DTSC's comments, please respond to this letter or via [email](#) for additional guidance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tamara Purvis".

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