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DRAFT FOCUSED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR REORGANIZATION
2018-01 WHITEBRIDGES/SISKIYOU PROJECT

Dear Ms. Pimentel:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has received the draft Environmental Impact Report (Report) for the above-mentioned project. The project proposes several permit approvals which will result in changing the site zoning from exclusive agriculture to a combination of residential, commercial and open space uses. There is no physical development proposed at this time.

Based on the review of the Report, DTSC has the following comment:

- Appendix A, Initial Study, Section IX, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Item 4.

The project site has been used for agricultural or related activities, organochlorine pesticides and other agricultural related chemicals may have been released to soil or groundwater. As a result, a mitigation measure should be included to require proper investigation, and remedial actions if any residential or commercial structures are to be constructed. The investigation and/or remediation, if necessary, should be conducted under the oversight of and approved by a government agency that has jurisdiction to oversee hazardous substances cleanup.

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DTSC appreciates the opportunity to review the Report. Should you need any assistance in environmental investigation, please submit a request for Lead Agency Oversight Application which can be found at:
<https://dtsc.ca.gov/brownfields/voluntary-agreements-quick-reference-guide/>.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (714) 484-5392 or by e-mail at chiarin.yen@dtsc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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