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APPROVAL OF FINAL PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REPORT,
PROPOSED SOUTH REGION HIGH SCHOOL #15, SITE 1, LOCATED AT 3200
SOUTH ALMA STREET, SAN PEDRO (SITE CODE: 304583)

Dear Mr. Schanen:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reviewed the Revised Preliminary Endangerment Assessment Report (PEA), prepared by Geosyntec Consultants, dated October 8, 2008 and received on October 9, 2008, for the Proposed South Region High School #15 Site (Site). The revised PEA was prepared in response to DTSC comments on the Draft PEA dated September 19, 2008 and e-mail communication on October 2 and 8, 2008. The PEA presents investigation results and conclusions based on a health risk screening evaluation for the Site.

In addition, the Los Angeles Unified School District (District) notified DTSC on September 25, 2008 that it has complied with all public review and comment requirements for the PEA Report pursuant to Option A (California Education Code (CEC) §17213.1, subsec. (a)(6)(A)). The District made the PEA Report available for the public review and comment from August 4, 2008 through September 15, 2008. 18 Public comments were received regarding the PEA Report.

The 38.8-acre Site is comprised of the western portion of the former Fort MacArthur Upper Reservation property and three other added areas. The Site consists of three parcels, bounded to the west by South Alma Street, to the south by 36th Street, to the north of 30th Street by Osgood Farley Road and single family residences. The Site

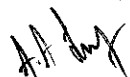
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was historically used for military activities from 1915 through 1974. Operations conducted at the base included the Barlow Saxxton Battery, anti-aircraft batteries, training and induction of troops, and maintenance for vehicles and equipment for these operations. The Site is currently occupied by asphalt-paved parking lots, roadways, storage yards on the western and south central portion, a large recreational field on the north central portion, former military buildings along the western side and southern half of the Site, and open fields and slopes along the eastern and western areas and the northern half of the Site. The Site contains multiple buildings with Angel's Gate Continuation High School located at the northwest portion of the Site and Wilmington/San Pedro Skills Center, an adult education facility, located at the center portion of the Site. The Site is bordered by single-family homes along 31st Street to the north, residences along South Alma Street to the west, a residential neighborhood along 36th Street to the south and Point Fermin Outdoor Recreation Education Center and Osgood Farley Road to the east. The Site was investigated for metals, total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH), volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), dioxins, furans and organochlorine pesticides (OCPs). DTSC reviewed the public comments and determined that revision of the PEA was not necessary.

Based on review of the PEA and consideration of public comments, a release or threatened release of hazardous material or the presence of a naturally occurring hazardous material, which would pose a threat to public health or the environment under unrestricted land use, was indicated at the Site on all the operable units (OUs) except OU-2 and OU-15. Therefore, DTSC concurs with the conclusion of the PEA that a response action in the form of Supplemental Site Investigation is required and hereby approves the PEA. DTSC estimates the preparation and implementation of the required response action will take six months or more to complete.

If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact me at (714) 484-5308 or at ashareef@dtsc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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