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### STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

ROUTE 46 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT – DATED OCTOBER 2019  
(STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 20000011033)

Dear Ms. Boudreau:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a *Route 46 Corridor Improvement Project Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Report (SDEIR)*.

The Cholame Section is the third section of the Corridor Project. As with the previously constructed sections, the Cholame Section would continue with the widening of the Route 46 Corridor from a two-lane highway to a four-lane divided expressway. Construction of the Cholame Section would begin at post mile 49.7, approximately 0.2 miles east of the Shandon Roadside Rest Area and would continue to post mile 54.7, approximately 0.5 miles west of the State Route 41/46 intersection.

DTSC recommends that the following issues be evaluated in the SDEIR, Hazards and Hazardous Materials section:

1. If buildings or other structures are to be demolished on the project sites included in the Route 46 Corridor Improvement 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 former buildings should be conducted in accordance with DTSC's 2006 *Interim Guidance Evaluation of School Sites with Potential Contamination from Lead Based Paint, Termiticides, and Electrical Transformers*

[https://dtsc.ca.gov/wpcontent/uploads/sites/31/2018/09/Guidance\\_Lead\\_Contamination\\_050118.pdf](https://dtsc.ca.gov/wpcontent/uploads/sites/31/2018/09/Guidance_Lead_Contamination_050118.pdf)).

2. If any of the project site requires the importation of soil to backfill any excavated areas, proper sampling should be conducted to ensure that the imported soil is free of contamination. DTSC recommends the imported materials be characterized according to DTSC's 2001 *Information Advisory Clean Imported Fill Material* ([https://dtsc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2018/09/SMP\\_FS\\_Cleanfill-Schools.pdf](https://dtsc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2018/09/SMP_FS_Cleanfill-Schools.pdf)).
3. If any sites included in the Route 46 Corridor Improvement Project have been used for agricultural, weed abatement or related activities, proper investigation for organochlorinated pesticides should be discussed in the SDEIR. DTSC recommends the current and former agricultural lands be evaluated in accordance with DTSC's 2008 *Interim Guidance for Sampling Agricultural Properties (Third Revision)* (<https://dtsc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2018/09/Ag-Guidance-Rev-3-August-7-2008-2.pdf>).

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to review the SDEIR. Should you need any assistance with an environmental investigation, please submit a request for Lead Agency Oversight Application, which can be found at: [https://dtsc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2018/09/VCP\\_App-1460.doc](https://dtsc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2018/09/VCP_App-1460.doc). Additional information regarding voluntary agreements with DTSC can be found at: <https://dtsc.ca.gov/brownfields/>.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 255-3710 or via email at [Gavin.McCreary@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Gavin.McCreary@dtsc.ca.gov).

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