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Dear Mr. Valdez:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reviewed the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Norton Science and Language Academy, to be located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Waterman Avenue and Valley Street, in San Bernardino. (Site).

The project proposes construction of buildings for approximately 1,720 students from pre-kindergarten to high school. The Site consists of approximately 18 acres of vacant land that was previously disturbed due to grading and demolition of former residential development.

Based on the review of the submitted document, DTSC has the following comment for Initial Study, Section 9, Hazards and Hazardous Materials:

- Although the Site is not included on the list of hazardous waste sites (Cortese List) compiled by the DTSC pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5, lead and organochlorine pesticides (OCP) contaminated soil was found at a school (Franklin Dominguez Elementary School) located immediate north of the Site. The sources of lead and OCP contamination appear to be former application of lead-based paint in buildings constructed prior to 1980s and historic termite abatement in the area.

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As both the Franklin Dominguez Elementary School and the Site are located within an area with similar historic uses, DTSC recommends the Site be investigated for presence of OCPs and lead in soil to protect health of future students and faculty.

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to review the Negative Declaration and Initial Study. 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 email at [ChiaRin.Yen@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:ChiaRin.Yen@dtsc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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