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MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR 2023-2024 SITES RESERVOIR TEST PITS, FAULT STUDIES AND QUARRY STUDIES – DATED SEPTEMBER 2022 (STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2022090455)

Dear Ms. Forsythe:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the 2023-2024 Sites Reservoir Test Pits, Fault Studies and Quarry Studies project (Project). DTSC provided comments on the 2022-2024 Sites Reservoir Geologic, Geophysical, and Geotechnical Investigations project in a letter dated June 8, 2022. The Lead Agency is receiving this notice from DTSC because the Project includes the importation of backfill soil.

DTSC recommends that the following issues be evaluated in the Hazards and Hazardous Materials section of the MND:

1. 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*.

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the MND. Should you need any assistance with an environmental investigation, please visit DTSC's <u>Site Mitigation and</u> <u>Restoration Program</u> page to apply for lead agency oversight. Additional information regarding voluntary agreements with DTSC can be found at <u>DTSC's Brownfield website</u>.











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If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 255-3710 or via email at <u>Gavin.McCreary@dtsc.ca.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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