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**REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY ACTION, MONTEREY PINES HOUSING
DEVELOPMENT, CARSON, CALIFORNIA, SCP CASE NO. 0571 (A.K.A. FORMER
OIL TRANSPORT SITE)**

Dear Mr. Allen:

By this letter and on behalf of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board ("Regional Board"), the Department of Toxic Substances Control ("DTSC") formally requests assistance from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 ("USEPA") to conduct tasks leading to the assessment and potential removal action needed to protect public health and the environment in the area of the neighborhood referred to as the Monterey Pines Development (formerly Oil Transport).

The Monterey Pines Development is comprised of approximately sixty-nine (69) residential lots. To further characterize the conditions and risk in the area, the Regional Board and DTSC request that USEPA conducts additional evaluation of the subsurface. Additionally if conditions warrant, the Regional Board and DTSC request USEPA to perform indoor air testing as needed and take the necessary steps to mitigate any risk that is identified on the properties. The site is located at 241-319 East Lomita Boulevard, City of Carson, Los Angeles County, California.

By making this Request for Federal Action ("Request"), the Regional Board and DTSC recognize that, with respect to this removal action, USEPA or any other federal agency acting in conjunction with or on behalf of USEPA, may use its authority under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C.A. §§ 9601, *et seq.*, the National Contingency Plan ("NCP"), 40 C.F.R. Part 300, or any other federal statute, regulation or response program, to respond to and

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recover costs incurred in response to releases, or threats of releases, of pollutants and contaminants as deemed necessary in USEPA's sole discretion to abate an imminent and substantial endangerment to public health, welfare or the environment at the location stated above. By making this Request, the Regional Board and DTSC, with respect to this removal action, waive notice as otherwise required by Section 128(b)(1)(D) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9628(b)(1)(D).

The Monterey Pines Development is in close proximity to ongoing projects under DTSC, Regional Board and City of Carson's oversight. With that in mind, the Regional Board and DTSC look forward to open communication and consideration with the relevant stakeholders throughout the process.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact my DTSC branch chief, Mr. John Scandura, at (714) 484-5440 or Mr. Samuel Unger, Executive Officer of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, at (213) 576-6605.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

1. Formal request for PA/SI assistance from the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (letter dated July 18, 2012)
2. DTSC Preliminary Human Health Risk Evaluation for Vapor Intrusion
3. Site Map with former features
4. Site Map with former excavation locations
5. Site Map with initial residential lots proposed for priority indoor air testing

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