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Subject: Revisions of Timelines for Cleanup of Highland Plating and Cleanup Strategy Meeting

Dear Mr. Erickson and Ms. Nicol:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in cooperation with the Los Angeles Co. Fire Department Health Hazardous Materials Division (HHMD) and the City of Los Angeles Watershed Protection Division (WPD), is monitoring the hazardous substance removal activities associated with the July 13, 2014 fire at the Highland Plating facility and the closure of this plating shop. On August 15, 2014, Farmers Insurance was sent a letter concerning deadlines for the cleanup. EPA understands due to the issues with structural safety that these deadlines have been fluid. This letter will provide adjusted timelines.

EPA would also like to meet with representatives of Farmers Insurance and Mr. and Mrs. Faeth to discuss the cleanup and building demolition activities. The attendees at this meeting will include representatives from Farmers Insurance on both the environmental cleanup and structural policies, representatives of Mr. Faeth and Highland Plating, contractors conducting the work; HHMD and WPD. EPA would like to meet on or before September 23, 2014.

The updated deadlines are listed below. Description of the plan contents can be found in the August 15, 2014 letter.

- September 23, 2014: The name of the contractor that will conduct the removal of the hazardous substances inside the fire damaged structure.
- September 24, 2014: A Work Plans for cleanup operations and a Site-specific Health and Safety Plan (HASP) for all operations on the site.
- September 29, 2014: Commencement of the removal of hazardous substance from the fire damaged structure and any waste generated as a result of the fire.
- September 30, 2014: The name of the contractor that will conduct the building demolition.
- October 20, 2014: A building demolition plan.
- November 3, 2014: Commencement of building demolition activities.
- November 15, 2014: The subsurface assessment sampling plan.
- December 1, 2014: Implementation of the subsurface assessment sampling plan.

- January 2, 2015: Commencement of any subsurface contamination removal as necessary. If extensive soil contamination is found, the site may be referred to the Department of Toxic Substance Control for long term remediation.
- March 1, 2015: Final Report of Site Activities. This report is to include all manifests, assessment data, profile data and summary of removal action. Assuming the report confirms completion of the removal of hazardous substances within EPA's concern, EPA may provide a letter confirming the resolution of its interests following the report.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the legal expectations of the EPA, please, contact Andrew Helmlinger at (415) 972-3904. If you have any technical or operational questions, contact me at the telephone number listed below.

Sincerely;



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