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REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN APPROVAL, PROPOSED LA PUERTA
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE, 2475 NORTH FORBES AVENUE, CLAREMONT
(SITE CODE 304393)

Dear Mr. Patterson:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received several public comments during the thirty-day public comment period, held from February 23, 2004 to March 23, 2004, for the Draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) dated December 26, 2003. DTSC issued a response to these comments on April 13, 2004. A copy of the DTSC responsiveness summary is enclosed for your information.

DTSC reviewed the comments received, and after careful consideration, determined the proposed removal action activities are appropriate, after one minor revision. The comments received prompted revision of the truck route, for disposal of the contaminated soil. DTSC hereby approves the RAW with revision of the truck route as described in the responsiveness summary.

It is DTSC's understanding that implementation of the RAW is scheduled to begin on May 3, 2004 and the field activities are expected to last ten days. Please notify DTSC at least 48 hours in advance of commencing fieldwork and/or schedule changes. Upon completion of confirmation sampling activities, a Removal Action Completion Report must be submitted to DTSC for review and approval, before this part of the site may be developed.

As part of the review process, a Notice of Exemption (NOE) is being filed with the Office of Planning and Research to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act requirements for this removal action. A copy of the NOE is enclosed for your information.

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If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rao Akula, Project Manager at (818) 551-2847 or me at (818) 551-2821.

Sincerely,



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