



## Department of Toxic Substances Control



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February 24, 2017

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### ACTIVITIES AT THE COMMERCE 12.9 ACRE SITE LOCATED AT 5710 SMITHWAY STREET, COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA

Dear Ms. Nila:

The Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) requests that the City of Commerce resume environmental cleanup activities at the Commerce 12.9 Acre Site located at 5710 Smithway Street, Commerce, California (Site). As discussed in our meeting with you on January 31, 2017, DTSC requires the following tasks to be completed and environmental investigation and/or remediation to be resumed at the Site:

- Voluntary Cleanup Agreement (VCA) Docket Number HSA-A 02/03-171 dated May 23, 2003 has been updated to reflect Site cleanup goals as discussed in our January 31, 2017 meeting. A copy of the updated VCA is attached for your review and signature;
- Submit a report summarizing completed tasks, including analytical data, proposed in the *Workplan for Additional Site Characterization* and *Addendum to Workplan for Additional Site Characterization* provided by Block Environmental. This task must be completed within 30 days of the date of signing the amended VCA;
- Submit a workplan to complete remaining tasks proposed in the *Workplan for Additional Site Characterization* and *Addendum to Workplan for Additional Site Characterization* provided by Block Environmental. If your environmental consultant so chooses, use of the previously DTSC-approved Workplan and Addendum provided by Block Environmental to complete proposed tasks is acceptable. Please include semi-annual groundwater monitoring events in the proposed work. This task must be completed within 30 days of the date of the summary report;

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- Submit a well abandonment report detailing the destruction of groundwater monitoring well UGW-10. Groundwater monitoring well UGW-10 may need to be replaced at a later date.

Because of the nature and extent of contamination at this site, if the activities outlined above are not implemented in a timely manner, DTSC may pursue enforcement options.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (818) 717-6534 or Laura Radke, Project Manager, at (818) 717-6562 or [laura.radke@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:laura.radke@dtsc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sayareh Amir".

Sayareh Amir  
Branch Chief  
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Attachment