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TO: INTERESTED PARTIES

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OVERSIGHT OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RELEASE -ASSESSMENT AND REMEDIAL ACTION

This is to inform you that the Site Mitigation Unit (SMU) of the Health Hazardous Materials Division, Los Angeles County Fire Department provides oversight for remediation of contaminated sites within the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles County Certified Unified Program Agency (LACoCUPA). This service is provided to ensure protection of public health and the environment and to facilitate completion of site clean-up projects in an expeditious manner. The following options are available for a business and/or property owner intending to obtain site closure with agency oversight in the LACoCUPA jurisdiction: SMU, Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), or the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC).

SITE ASSESSMENT/REMEDIAATION OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY

California Health and Safety Code, §101480 and the Los Angeles County Code Title 12, Chapter 12.60 gives authority to Los Angeles County Fire Department to provide voluntary oversight for the assessment and remediation of hazardous materials releases and to recover related costs from responsible parties (RP). The SMU staff are involved with oversight of site assessment and remediation work.

SITE MITIGATION OVERSIGHT FEES

An initial fee of \$1,974.00 and an hourly rate of \$131.58 are charged to the RP to recover the SMU staff time for review of site assessment and remediation activities, as approved by the County Auditor Controller (12.60.050). Hourly charges begin upon assignment of the case to an SMU project officer. On sites requiring health risk assessment (HRA), HRA will be reviewed by the State Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA). The RP will be required to reimburse SMU for the cost incurred by OEHHA review.

DOCUMENTATION/REPORTS

The documentation necessary for submittals must generally conform to DTSC's Preliminary Endangerment Assessment Guidance Manual (PEA). If groundwater resources are potentially threatened, as determined by SMU, assessment and remediation must also generally conform to the RWQCB's Interim Site Assessment and Cleanup Guidebook. Other Cal-EPA or United States Environmental Protection Agency Superfund guidance documents should also be considered as a performance standard.

TO INITIATE SITE MITIGATION OVERSIGHT, PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

- A check in the amount of **\$1,974.00** and a **request for oversight** signed by the appropriate responsible party indicating willingness to enter into SMU cost recovery program. Property owner/responsible party information and Assessor Identification Number for the property must be included. **Please make the check to Los Angeles County Fire Department** and mail the check and a copy of the letter of request to:
FMD-RM, Attention Cashier
P.O. Box 910901
Los Angeles, CA 90091-0901
- Mail a copy of the check, the original letter of request and all the existing site investigation reports in print and in word or pdf format on CD to the **letterhead address**. If you have any questions, please contact me at (323) 890-4106. Our fax number is (323) 890-4046.