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CONCURRENCE ON SUMMARY OF EXCAVATION OF STAINED SOIL IN STORM DRAIN ADJACENT TO PROPOSED PORTOLA HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Ms. Clendening:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has reviewed the Summary of Excavation of Stained Soil in Storm Drain Adjacent to Proposed Portola High School (Site) (AKA proposed High School #5), prepared on behalf of Irvine Unified School District, dated and received on April 23, 2015. The summary document includes confirmation sample results collected from the excavation area located within the Site.

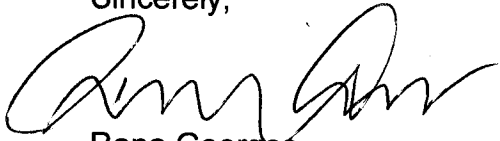
DTSC was notified by PlaceWorks of the stained soil encountered during excavation activities along Irvine Boulevard to install a storm drain, as stated in the summary document. Stained soil was removed and confirmation soil samples were collected from the bottom and sidewall of the excavation area, extending into the northern boundary of the Site. Results of the environmental samples collected in the area where the school will be built indicate that chemicals within the various classes of contaminants (metals, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, total petroleum hydrocarbons and polychlorinated biphenyls) were either below risk-based detection limits or found at concentrations far below levels of concern to human health. Chemicals such as metals are naturally occurring and therefore will always be detected in soils.

Based on information provided and analytical results of the confirmation samples, DTSC concurs with the recommendation that no further assessment or testing is recommended.

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If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact me at (714) 484-5320 or by email at rana.georges@dtsc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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