

# Sequoia Commerce Center Construction and Operational Health RISK ASSESSMENT CITY OF TORRANCE

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# **LIST OF ABBREVIATED TERMS**

(1) Referenceμg Microgram

AERMOD American Meteorological Society/Environmental

Protection Agency Regulatory Model

AQMD Air Quality Management District

ARB Air Resources Board
ASF Age Sensitivity Factor

CEQA California Environmental Quality Act

CPF Cancer Potency Factor
DPM Diesel Particulate Matter
EMFAC Emission Factor Model

EPA Environmental Protection Agency

FAH Fraction of Time at Home

HHD Heavy Heavy-Duty

HI Hazard Index

HRA Health Risk Assessment

LHD Light Heavy-Duty

MEIR Maximally Exposed Individual Receptor
MEIW Maximally Exposed Individual Worker
MEISC Maximally Exposed Individual School Child

MHD Medium Heavy-Duty
NAD North American Datum

OEHHA Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment

PDF Project Design Feature

PM<sub>10</sub> Particulate Matter 10 microns in diameter or less

Project Sequoia Commerce Center
REL Reference Exposure Level

SCAQMD South Coast Air Quality Management District

SRA Source Receptor Area
TAC Toxic Air Contaminant

TA Traffic Analysis

TRU Transport Refrigeration Unit

URF Unit Risk Factor

UTM Universal Transverse Mercator

VMT Vehicle Miles Traveled



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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report evaluates the potential health risk impacts to sensitive receptors (which are residents) and adjacent workers associated with the development of the Project, more specifically, health risk impacts as a result of exposure to Toxic Air Contaminants (TACs) including diesel particulate matter (DPM) as a result of heavy-duty diesel trucks and equipment associated with on-site and off-site construction and operational activity. This section summarizes the significance criteria and Project health risks.

The results of this *Sequoia Commerce CenterConstruction and Operational Health Risk Assessment* (HRA) indicate that without the incorporation of project design features proposed by the applicant to reduce air pollutant emissions and increase construction efficiency of the project, SCAQMD thresholds would not be exceeded for construction operational health risks. With incorporation of the project design features, construction operational health risks are further reduced resulting in a less than significant impact.

The results of the health risk assessment from Project-generated DPM emissions are provided in Table ES-1, ES-2, and ES-3 below for the Project.

### **CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS**

The land use with the greatest potential exposure to Project construction-source DPM emissions is Location R2 which is located approximately 120 feet north of the Project site at an existing residence located at 18932 Haas Avenue. R2 is placed in the private outdoor living area (backyard) facing the Project site. At the maximally exposed individual receptor (MEIR), the maximum incremental cancer risk attributable to Project construction-source DPM emissions is estimated at 1.58 in one million, which is less than the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) significance threshold of 10 in one million. At this same location, non-cancer risks were estimated to be  $\leq 0.01$ , which would not exceed the applicable threshold of 1.0. Although Location R2 is not the nearest receptor to the Project site it would experience the highest concentrations of DPM during Project construction due to its location and meteorological conditions at the site. Because all other modeled receptors would experience lower concentrations of DPM during Project construction, all other receptors in the vicinity of the Project would be exposed to less emissions and therefore less risk than the MEIR identified herein. As such, the Project will not cause a significant human health or cancer risk to adjacent land uses as a result of Project construction activity. All other receptors during construction activity would experience less risk than what is identified for this location.

### **OPERATIONAL IMPACTS**

### Residential Exposure Scenario:

The residential land use with the greatest potential exposure to Project operational-source DPM emissions is Location R1 which is located approximately 112 feet north of the Project site at an existing residence located at 18931 Haas Avenue. R1 is placed in the private outdoor living area (backyard) facing the Project site. At this location, the maximum incremental cancer risk



attributable to Project operational-source DPM emissions is estimated at 0.85 in one million, which would not exceed the SCAQMD's significance threshold of 10 in one million. At this same location, non-cancer risks were estimated to be  $\leq$ 0.01, which would not exceed the applicable significance threshold of 1.0.

Location R1 is the nearest receptor to the Project site and would experience the highest concentrations of DPM from Project operation due to its location and meteorological conditions at the Project site. Because all other modeled receptors would be exposed to lower concentrations of DPM, all other receptors in the vicinity of the Project would be exposed to less emissions and therefore less risk than the MEIR identified herein. As such, the Project will not cause a significant human health or cancer risk to nearby residences. The modeled receptors are illustrated on Exhibit 2-D.

# Worker Exposure Scenario<sup>1</sup>:

The worker receptor land use with the greatest potential exposure to Project operational-source DPM emissions is R5 which is located approximately 57 feet east of the Project site at the Epirus located at 19145 Gramercy PI. The maximally exposed individual worker (MEIW) is the worker receptor location that would experience the highest modeled concentrations of DPM, and thus the highest risk. At the MEIW, the maximum incremental cancer risk impact is 0.24 in one million, which is less than the SCAQMD's threshold of 10 in one million. Maximum non-cancer risks at this same location were estimated to be ≤0.01, which would not exceed the applicable significance threshold of 1.0. Because all other modeled worker receptors would be exposed to lower concentrations of DPM, all other worker receptors in the vicinity of the Project would be exposed to less emissions and therefore less risk than the MEIW identified herein. As such, the Project will not cause a significant human health or cancer risk to adjacent workers. The modeled receptors are illustrated on Exhibit 2-D.

### **School Child Exposure Scenario:**

Proximity to sources of toxics is critical to determining the impact. In traffic-related studies, the additional non-cancer health risk attributable to proximity was seen within 1,000 feet and was strongest within 300 feet. California freeway studies show about a 70-percent drop-off in particulate pollution levels at 500 feet. Based on California Air Resources Board (CARB) and SCAQMD emissions and modeling analyses, an 80-percent drop-off in pollutant concentrations is expected at approximately 1,000 feet from a distribution center (1).

The 1,000-foot evaluation distance is supported by research-based findings concerning Toxic Air Contaminant (TAC) emission dispersion rates from roadways and large sources showing that emissions diminish substantially between 500 and 1,000 feet from emission sources.

A one-quarter mile radius, or 1,320 feet, is commonly utilized for identifying sensitive receptors, such as schools, that may be impacted by a proposed project. This radius is more robust than,

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<sup>1</sup> SCAQMD guidance does not require assessment of the potential health risk to on-site workers. Excerpts from the document OEHHA Air Toxics Hot Spots Program Risk Assessment Guidelines—The Air Toxics Hot Spots Program Guidance Manual for Preparation of Health Risk Assessments (OEHHA 2003), also indicate that it is not necessary to examine the health effects to on-site workers unless required by RCRA (Resource Conservation and Recovery Act) / CERCLA (Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act) or the worker resides on-site.

and therefore provides a more health protective scenario for evaluation than the 1,000-foot impact radius identified above. Notwithstanding, for full disclosure purposes, the nearest school was also evaluated.

The nearest school and location of the maximally exposed individual school child (MEISC) is 186<sup>th</sup> Street Elementary School, located approximately 3,352 feet northeast of the Project site and represented by Receptor R6. At the MEISC, the maximum incremental cancer risk impact attributable to the Project is calculated to be 0.01 in one million, which is less than the significance threshold of 10 in one million. At this same location, non-cancer risks attributable to the Project were calculated to be ≤0.01, which would not exceed the applicable significance threshold of 1.0. Because all other modeled school receptors would be exposed to lower concentrations of DPM, all other school receptors in the vicinity of the of the Project would be exposed to less emissions and therefore less risk than the MEISC identified herein.

### **CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONAL IMPACTS**

This analysis considers a conservative scenario in which a child at a nearby residence is exposed to Project construction-related DPM emissions from birth for the expected 0.99 years of Project construction and is then exposed to Project operational emissions for the remaining 29.01 years of the 30-year residential exposure scenario.

The land use with the greatest potential exposure to Project construction-source and operational-source DPM emissions is Location R2. At the MEIR, the maximum incremental cancer risk attributable to Project construction-source and operational-source DPM emissions is estimated at 2.17 in one million, which is less than the threshold of 10 in one million. At this same location, non-cancer risks were estimated to be ≤0.01, which would not exceed the applicable threshold of 1.0. As such, the Project will not cause a significant human health or cancer risk to adjacent land uses as a result of Project construction and operational activity. All other receptors during construction and operational activity would experience less risk than what is identified for this location. The modeled receptors are illustrated on Exhibit 2-D.

TABLE ES-1: SUMMARY OF CONSTRUCTION CANCER AND NON-CANCER RISKS

Time Period	Location	Maximum Lifetime Cancer Risk (Risk per Million)	Significance Threshold (Risk per Million)	Exceeds Significance Threshold
0.99 Year Exposure	Maximum Exposed Sensitive Receptor (Location R2)	1.58	10	NO
Time Period	Location	Maximum Hazard Index	Significance Threshold	Exceeds Significance Threshold
Annual Average	Maximum Exposed Sensitive Receptor (Location R2)	≤0.01	1.0	NO



TABLE ES-2: SUMMARY OF OPERATIONAL CANCER AND NON-CANCER RISKS

Time Period	Location	Maximum Lifetime Cancer Risk (Risk per Million)	Significance Threshold (Risk per Million)	Exceeds Significance Threshold
30 Year Exposure	Maximum Exposed Sensitive Receptor (Location R1)	0.85	10	NO
25 Year Exposure	Maximum Exposed Worker Receptor (Location R5)	0.24	10	NO
9 Year Exposure	Maximum Exposed Individual School Child (Location R6)	0.01	10	NO
Time Period	Period Location		Significance Threshold	Exceeds Significance Threshold
Annual Average	Maximum Exposed Sensitive Receptor (Location R1)	≤0.01	1.0	NO
Annual Average	/:		1.0	NO
Annual Average	Maximum Exposed Individual School Child (Location R6)	≤0.01	1.0	NO

TABLE ES-3: SUMMARY OF CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONAL CANCER AND NON-CANCER RISKS

Time Period	Location	Maximum Lifetime Cancer Risk (Risk per Million)	Significance Threshold (Risk per Million)	Exceeds Significance Threshold
30 Year Exposure	Maximum Exposed Sensitive Receptor (Location R2)	2.17	10	NO
Time Period	Location	Maximum Hazard Index	Significance Threshold	Exceeds Significance Threshold
Annual Average	Maximum Exposed Sensitive Receptor (Location R2)	≤0.01	1.0	NO



# 1 INTRODUCTION

This HRA has been prepared in accordance with the document <u>Health Risk Assessment Guidance</u> for Analyzing Cancer Risk from Mobile Source Diesel Idling Emissions for CEQA Air Quality Analysis (2) and is comprised of all relevant and appropriate procedures presented by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), California EPA and SCAQMD. Cancer risk is expressed in terms of expected incremental incidence per million population. The SCAQMD has established an incidence rate of ten (10) persons per million as the maximum acceptable incremental cancer risk due to TAC exposure from a project such as the proposed Project. This threshold serves to determine whether or not a given project has a potentially significant development-specific and cumulatively considerable impact.

The AQMD has published a report on how to address cumulative impacts from air pollution: White Paper on Potential Control Strategies to Address Cumulative Impacts from Air Pollution (3). In this report the AQMD states (Page D-3):

"...the AQMD uses the same significance thresholds for project specific and cumulative impacts for all environmental topics analyzed in an Environmental Assessment or EIR. The only case where the significance thresholds for project specific and cumulative impacts differ is the Hazard Index (HI) significance threshold for toxic air contaminant (TAC) emissions. The project specific (project increment) significance threshold is HI > 1.0 while the cumulative (facility-wide) is HI > 3.0. It should be noted that the HI is only one of three TAC emission significance thresholds considered (when applicable) in a CEQA analysis. The other two are the maximum individual cancer risk (MICR) and the cancer burden, both of which use the same significance thresholds (MICR of 10 in 1 million and cancer burden of 0.5) for project specific and cumulative impacts.

Projects that exceed the project-specific significance thresholds are considered by the SCAQMD to be cumulatively considerable. This is the reason project-specific and cumulative significance thresholds are the same. Conversely, projects that do not exceed the project-specific thresholds are generally not considered to be cumulatively significant."

The SCAQMD has also established non-carcinogenic risk parameters for use in HRAs. Non-carcinogenic risks are quantified by calculating a "hazard index," expressed as the ratio between the ambient pollutant concentration and its toxicity or Reference Exposure Level (REL). A REL is a concentration at or below which health effects are not likely to occur. A hazard index less of than one (1.0) means that adverse health effects are not expected. In this HRA, non-carcinogenic exposures of less than 1.0 are considered less-than-significant. Both the cancer risk and non-carcinogenic risk thresholds are applied to the nearest sensitive receptors below.

### 1.1 SITE LOCATION

The proposed Project is located southeast corner of Van Ness Avenue and 190th Street at 19250/19320 Van Ness Avenue within the City of Torrance (Assessor's Parcel Numbers or APNs 7352-016-001, 7352-016-002, and 7352-016-003) as shown in Exhibit 1-A.

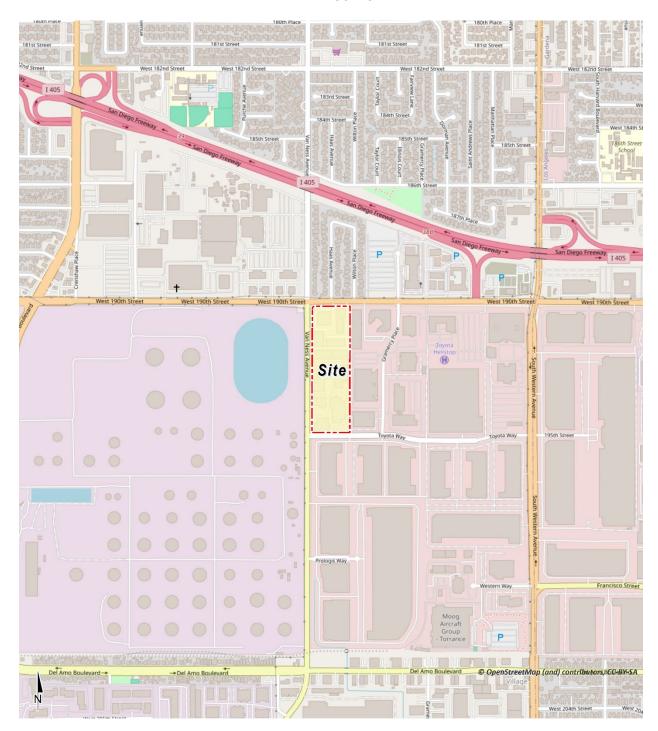


# 1.2 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Project site is currently developed with 13 buildings totaling approximately 275,000 square feet of business park use. The proposed Project plans to develop two (2) new proposed industrial buildings: an approximately 120,466 square foot (SF) industrial building (Building 1) with 208 parking stalls and an approximately 155,834 SF industrial building (Building 2) with 236 parking stalls on an approximate 14.02-acre site. The preliminary site plan for the proposed Project is shown in Exhibit 1-B.

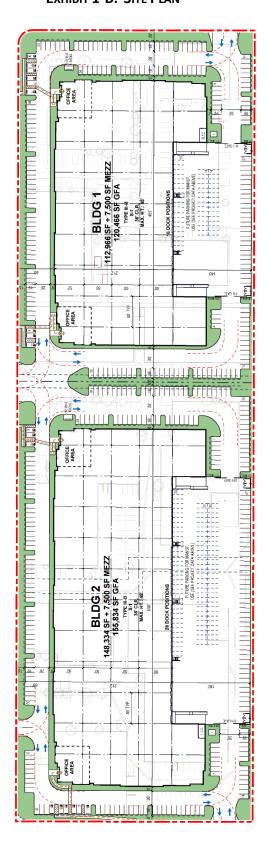


### **EXHIBIT 1-A: LOCATION MAP**





**EXHIBIT 1-B: SITE PLAN** 







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# 2 BACKGROUND

# 2.1 BACKGROUND ON RECOMMENDED METHODOLOGY

This HRA is based on applicable guidelines to produce conservative estimates of human health risk posed by exposure to DPM. The conservative nature of this analysis is due primarily to the following factors:

- The ARB-adopted diesel exhaust Unit Risk Factor (URF) of 300 in one million per μg/m³ is based upon the upper 95 percentile of estimated risk for each of the epidemiological studies utilized to develop the URF. Using the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile URF represents a very conservative (health-protective) risk posed by DPM because it represents breathing rates that are high for the human body.
- The emissions derived assume that every truck accessing the Project site will idle for 15 minutes under the unmitigated scenario, and this is an overestimation of actual idling times and thus conservative.<sup>2</sup> The California Air Resources Board (CARB's) anti-idling requirements impose a 5-minute maximum idling time and therefore the analysis conservatively overestimates DPM emissions from idling by a factor of 3.

### 2.2 CONSTRUCTION HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT

### 2.2.1 EMISSIONS CALCULATIONS

The emissions calculations for the construction HRA component are based on an assumed mix of construction equipment and hauling activity as presented in the *Sequoia Commerce Center Air Quality Impact Analysis* ("technical study") prepared by Urban Crossroads, Inc. (4)

Construction related DPM emissions are expected to occur primarily as a function of the operation of heavy-duty construction equipment.

As discussed in the technical study, the Project would result in approximately 361 total working-days of construction activity. The construction duration by phase is shown on Table 2-1. A detailed summary of construction equipment assumptions by phase is provided at Table 2-2. The CalEEMod emissions outputs are presented in Appendix 2.1. The modeled emission sources for construction activity are illustrated on Exhibit 2-A. Consistent with SCAQMD's Localized Significance Threshold Methodology (5), DPM emissions from construction equipment were modeled using adjacent volume sources with a release height of 5 meters and an initial vertical dimension of 1.4 meters. On-road truck emissions were modeled as a line source (made up of multiple adjacent volume sources).

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Although the Project is required to comply with ARB's idling limit of 5 minutes at any location, staff at SCAQMD recommends that the on-site idling emissions should be estimated for 15 minutes of truck idling (personal communication, in person, with Jillian Wong, December 22, 2016), which would take into account on-site idling which occurs while the trucks are waiting to pull up to the truck bays, idling at the bays, idling at check-in and check-out, etc.

**TABLE 2-1: CONSTRUCTION DURATION** 

Construction Activity	Start Date	End Date	Days
Demolition	5/3/2027	5/31/2027	21
Site Preparation	6/1/2027	6/15/2027	11
Grading	6/16/2027	7/28/2027	31
Building Construction	7/29/2027	4/28/2028	197
Paving	4/3/2028	4/28/2028	20
Architectural Coating	3/20/2028	4/28/2028	30

**TABLE 2-2: CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT ASSUMPTIONS** 

Construction Activity	Equipment	Amount	Hours Per Day
	Rubber Tired Dozers	2	8
Demolition	Excavators	3	8
	Concrete/Industrial Saws	1	8
Cita Droparation	Rubber Tired Dozers	3	8
Site Preparation	Crawler Tractors	4	8
	Graders	1	8
	Excavators	2	8
Grading	Scrapers	2	8
	Rubber Tired Dozers	1	8
	Crawler Tractors	2	8
	Forklifts	3	8
	Generator Sets	1	8
Building Construction	Cranes	1	8
	Welders	1	8
	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	3	8
	Pavers	2	8
Paving	Paving Equipment	2	8
	Rollers	2	8
Architectural Coating	Air Compressors	1	8



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**EXHIBIT 2-A: MODELED CONSTRUCTION EMISSION SOURCES** 



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### 2.3 OPERATIONAL HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT

### 2.3.1 ON-SITE AND OFF-SITE TRUCK ACTIVITY

Vehicle DPM emissions were calculated using emission factors for particulate matter less than  $10\mu m$  in diameter (PM<sub>10</sub>) generated with the 2021 version of the EMission FACtor model (EMFAC) developed by the CARB. EMFAC 2021 is a mathematical model that CARB developed to calculate emission rates from motor vehicles that operate on highways, freeways, and local roads in California and is commonly used by the ARB to project changes in future emissions from on-road mobile sources (6). The most recent version of this model, EMFAC 2021, incorporates regional motor vehicle data, information and estimates regarding the distribution of vehicle miles traveled (VMT) by speed, and number of starts per day.

Several distinct emission processes are included in EMFAC 2021. Emission factors calculated using EMFAC 2021 are expressed in units of grams per vehicle miles traveled (g/VMT) or grams per idle-hour (g/idle-hr), depending on the emission process. The emission processes and corresponding emission factor units associated with diesel particulate exhaust for this Project are presented below.

For this Project, annual average PM<sub>10</sub> emission factors were generated by running EMFAC 2021 in EMFAC Mode for vehicles in the Los Angeles County South Coast jurisdiction. The EMFAC Mode generates emission factors in terms of grams of pollutant emitted per vehicle activity and can calculate a matrix of emission factors at specific values of temperature, relative humidity, and vehicle speed. The model was run for speeds traveled in the vicinity of the Project. The vehicle travel speeds for each segment modeled are summarized below.

- Idling on-site loading/unloading and truck trailer parking areas
- 5 miles per hour on-site vehicle movement including driving and maneuvering
- 25 miles per hour off-site vehicle movement including driving and maneuvering.

It is expected that minimal idling would occur at nearby intersections during truck travel on study area roadways (e.g., at an intersection during a red light, or yielding to make a turn). Notwithstanding, the analysis conservatively utilizes a reduced off-site average speed of 25 miles per hour (below the posted speed limit) for travel on study area roadways, use of a lower average speed for off-site travel results in a higher emission factor and therefore any negligible idling that would occur during truck travel along the study area is accounted for.

Calculated emission factors are shown at Table 2-3. As a conservative measure, a 2028 EMFAC 2021 run was conducted and a static 2028 emissions factor data set was used for the entire duration of analysis herein (e.g., 30 years). Use of 2028 emission factors would overstate potential impacts since this approach assumes that emission factors remain "static" and do not change over time due to fleet turnover or cleaner technology with lower emissions that would be incorporated into vehicles after 2028. Additionally, based on EMFAC 2021, Light-Heavy-Duty Trucks are comprised of 48.7% diesel, Medium-Heavy-Duty Trucks are comprised of 82.5% diesel, and Heavy-Heavy-Duty Trucks are comprised of 89.6% diesel. Trucks fueled by diesel are



accounted for by these percentages accordingly in the emissions factor generation. Appendix 2.2 includes additional details on the emissions estimates from EMFAC.

The vehicle DPM exhaust emissions were calculated for running exhaust emissions. The running exhaust emissions were calculated by applying the running exhaust  $PM_{10}$  emission factor (g/VMT) from EMFAC over the total distance traveled. The following equation was used to estimate offsite emissions for each of the different vehicle classes comprising the mobile sources (7):

$$Emissions_{Speed\ A} = EF_{Run\ Exhaust} \times Distance \times \frac{Number\ of\ Trips\ per\ Day}{Seconds\ per\ Day}$$

Where:

 $Emissions_{Speed\ A}$  = Vehicle emissions at a given speed A (g/s)

 $EF_{Run\ Exhaust}$  = EMFAC running exhaust PM<sub>10</sub> emission factor at speed A

(g/vmt)

Distance = Total distance traveled per trip (miles)

Similar to off-site traffic, on-site vehicle running emissions were calculated by applying the running exhaust  $PM_{10}$  emission factor (g/VMT) from EMFAC and the total vehicle trip number over the length of the driving path using the same formula presented above for on-site emissions. In addition, on-site vehicle idling exhaust emissions were calculated by applying the idle exhaust  $PM_{10}$  emission factor (g/idle-hr) from EMFAC and the total truck trip over the total assumed idle time (15 minutes). The following equation was used to estimate the on-site vehicle idling emissions for each of the different vehicle classes (7):

$$Emissions_{Idle} = EF_{Idle} \times Number\ of\ Trips \times Idling\ Time \times \frac{60\ minutes\ per\ hour}{seconds\ per\ day}$$

Where:

 $Emissions_{Idle}$  = Vehicle emissions during Idling (g/s)

 $EF_{Idle}$  = EMFAC idle exhaust PM<sub>10</sub> emission factor (g/s)

Number of Trips = Number of trips per day

Idling Time = Idling time (minutes per trip)

**TABLE 2-3: 2028 WEIGHTED AVERAGE DPM EMISSIONS FACTORS** 

Speed	Weighted Average			
0 (idling)	0.06797 (g/idle-hr)			
5	0.01521 (g/mile)			
25	0.00645 (g/mile)			

Each roadway was modeled as a line source (made up of multiple adjacent volume sources). Due to the large number of volume sources modeled for this analysis, the corresponding coordinates



of each volume source have not been included in this report but are included in Appendix 2.3. The DPM emission rate for each line volume source was calculated by multiplying the emission factor (based on the average travel speed along the roadway) by the number of trips and the distance traveled along each roadway segment, as illustrated on Table 2-4. In order to model idling emissions, line sources were modeled at the building loading docks and tractor trailer parking stalls. The modeled emission sources are illustrated on Exhibit 2-B for on-site sources and Exhibit 2-C for off-site sources. The modeling domain is limited to the Project's primary truck route and includes off-site sources in the study area for more than ¾ mile. This modeling domain is more inclusive and conservative than using only a ¼ mile modeling domain which is the distance supported by several reputable studies which conclude that the greatest potential risks occur within a ¼ mile of the primary source of emissions (1) (in the case of the Project, the primary source of emissions is the on-site idling and on-site travel).

On-site truck idling was estimated to occur at building loading docks as well as in truck trailer parking areas. Although the Project's diesel-fueled truck and equipment operators will be required by State law to comply with CARB's idling limit of 5 minutes, staff at SCAQMD recommends that the on-site idling emissions be calculated assuming 15 minutes of truck idling (8), which would take into account on-site idling which occurs while the trucks are waiting to pull up to the truck bays, idling at the bays, idling at check-in and check-out, etc. As such, this analysis calculates truck idling at 15 minutes, consistent with SCAQMD's recommendation. Idling emissions at building loading docks were modeled in AERMOD as line sources, which consist of multiple adjacent volume sources.

As summarized in the Sequoia Commerce CenterTrip Generation Assessment prepared by Urban Crossroads, Inc., the Project is expected to generate a total of approximately 1,022 actual vehicular trip-ends per day (511 vehicles inbound + 511 vehicles outbound) which includes 878 passenger vehicle trips (439 passenger vehicles inbound + 439 passenger vehicles outbound) and 144 two-way truck trips (72 trucks inbound per day + 72 trucks outbound) per day (9).

### 2.3.2 EMERGENCY FIRE PUMPS

It is conservatively assumed that the proposed Project would include installation of two 300-horsepower diesel-powered fire pumps and two 700-horsepower diesel-powered emergency generators at the industrial buildings, as shown on Exhibit 2-B. The emergency generators and fire pumps would be diesel fueled and potentially would result in exposure of sensitive receptors to DPM. The analysis assumed that the emergency generators and fire pumps could potentially operate for up to one hour per day, one day per week, for a total of 50 hours per year for maintenance and testing purposes. Consistent with SCAQMD guidance, the emergency generators and fire pumps were modeled as a point source. Because detailed engine specifications are not known at this time, release parameters (including exhaust height, diameter, temperature, and flow rate) were obtained from the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association Facility Prioritization Guidelines (10). In order to account for potential building downwash effects, which have the potential to affect point sources in AERMOD, building downwash was modeled using the Building Profile Input Program (BPIP).



**EXHIBIT 2-B: MODELED ON-SITE EMISSION SOURCES** 



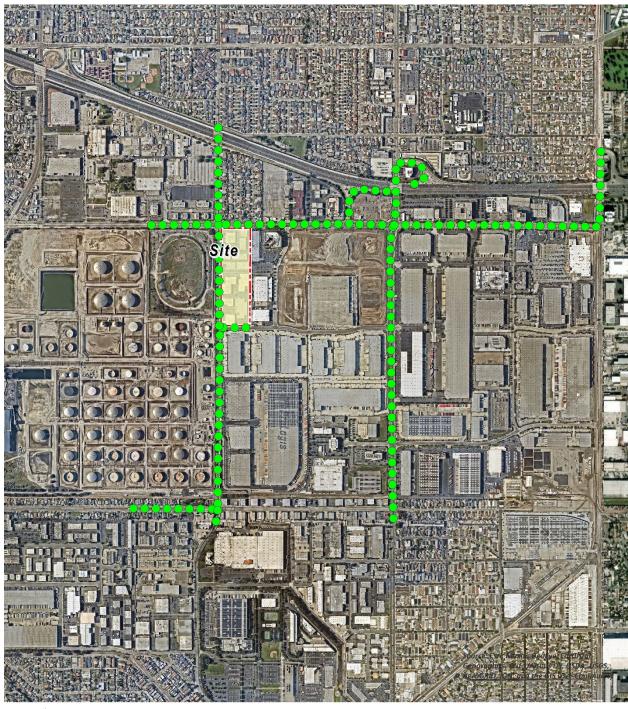
LEGEND:
Site Boundary

Fire Pumps

• Truck Movements • Emergency Generators

Loading Dock

**EXHIBIT 2-C: MODELED OFF-SITE EMISSION SOURCES** 







**TABLE 2-4: DPM EMISSIONS FROM PROJECT TRUCKS** 

		VMT <sup>a</sup>	Truck Emission Rate <sup>b</sup>	Truck Emission Rate b	Daily Truck Emissions <sup>c</sup>	Modeled Emission Rates
Source	Trucks Per Day	(miles/day)	(grams/mile)	(grams/idle-hour)	(grams/day)	(g/second)
Bldg 1 On-Site Idling - Loading Docks	31			0.0680	0.53	6.174E-06
Bldg 2 On-Site Idling - Loading Docks	41			0.0680	0.69	7.986E-06
Bldg 1 On-Site Idling - Trailer Stalls	31			0.0680	0.53	6.174E-06
Bldg 2 On-Site Idling - Trailer Stalls	41			0.0680	0.69	7.986E-06
Bldg 1 On-Site Travel	31	5.66	0.0152		0.09	9.966E-07
Bldg 2 On-Site Travel	41	8.58	0.0152		0.13	1.511E-06
Off-Site Travel - 195TH ST./Van Ness Ave North 75%	108	7.19	0.0065		0.05	5.374E-07
Off-Site Travel - Van Ness Ave. South 10%	14	7.31	0.0065		0.05	5.460E-07
Off-Site Travel - Del Amo Ave. West 5%	7	1.45	0.0065		0.01	1.084E-07
Off-Site Travel - Van Ness Ave. South 5%	7	0.39	0.0065		0.00	2.877E-08
Off-Site Travel - Van Ness Ave. North 65%	94	25.98	0.0065		0.17	1.941E-06
Off-Site Travel - 190TH ST. West 15%	22	4.12	0.0065		0.03	3.075E-07
Off-Site Travel - Van Ness Ave. North 10%	14	3.81	0.0065		0.02	2.848E-07
Off-Site Travel - 190TH ST. East 65%	94	32.92	0.0065		0.21	2.459E-06
Off-Site Travel - I405 East Bound 28%	40	6.83	0.0065		0.04	5.105E-07
Off-Site Travel - 190TH ST. East 37%	53	6.55	0.0065		0.04	4.891E-07
Off-Site Travel - Western Ave. (SR-213) North 25%	36	5.57	0.0065		0.04	4.162E-07
Off-Site Travel - I405 West Bound 15%	22	3.27	0.0065		0.02	2.443E-07
Off-Site Travel - Western Ave (SR-213) North 10%	14	1.38	0.0065		0.01	1.029E-07
Off-Site Travel - Western Ave (SR-213) South 10%	14	12.29	0.0065		0.08	9.183E-07
Off-Site Travel - 190TH ST. East 2%	3	2.23	0.0065		0.01	1.668E-07

a Vehicle miles traveled are for modeled truck route only and are calculated by multiplying the number of trucks per day by the segment length.



b Emission rates determined using EMFAC 2021. Idle emission rates are expressed in grams per idle hour rather than grams per mile.

c This column includes the total truck travel and truck idle emissions. For idle emissions this column includes emissions based on the assumption that each truck idles for 15 minutes.

# 2.4 EXPOSURE QUANTIFICATION

The analysis herein has been conducted in accordance with the guidelines in the <u>Health Risk Assessment Guidance</u> for Analyzing Cancer Risks from Mobile Source Diesel Idling Emissions for <u>CEQA Air Quality Analysis</u> (2). The Environmental Protection Agency's (U.S. EPA's) AERMOD model has been utilized. For purposes of this analysis, the Lakes AERMOD View (Version 12.0.0) was used to calculate annual average particulate concentrations associated with site operations. Lakes AERMOD View was utilized to incorporate the U.S. EPA's latest AERMOD Version 23132 (11).

The model offers additional flexibility by allowing the user to assign an initial release height and vertical dispersion parameters for mobile sources representative of a roadway. For this HRA, the roadways were modeled as adjacent volume sources. Roadways were modeled using the U.S. EPA's haul route methodology for modeling of on-site and off-site truck movement. More specifically, the Haul Road Volume Source Calculator in Lakes AERMOD View has been utilized to determine the release height parameters. Based on the US EPA methodology, the Project's modeled sources would result in a release height of 3.49 meters and an initial lateral dimension of 4.0 meters, and an initial vertical dimension of 3.25 meters.

Model parameters are presented in Table 2-5 (12). The model requires additional input parameters including emission data and local meteorology. Meteorological data from the SCAQMD's Hawthorne Airport monitoring station was used to represent local weather conditions and prevailing winds (13).

Dispersion Coefficient (Urban/Rural)

Terrain (Flat/Elevated)

Averaging Time

Urban (population 9,818,605)

Elevated (Regulatory Default)

1 year (5-year Meteorological Data Set)

Receptor Height

0 meters (Regulatory Default)

**TABLE 2-5: AERMOD MODEL PARAMETERS** 

Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) coordinates for World Geodetic System (WGS) 84 were used to locate the Project site boundaries, each volume source location, and receptor locations in the Project vicinity. The AERMOD dispersion model summary output files for the Project are presented in Appendix 2.3. Modeled sensitive receptors were placed at residential and non-residential locations.

Receptors may be placed at applicable structure locations for residential and worker property and not necessarily the boundaries of the properties containing these uses because the human receptors (residents and workers) spend a majority of their time at the residence or in the workplace's building, and not on the property line. It should be noted that the primary purpose of receptor placement is focused on long-term exposure. For example, the HRA evaluates the potential health risks to residents, workers, and school children over a period of 30, 25, or 9 years of exposure, respectively. Notwithstanding, as a conservative measure, receptors were placed at either the outdoor living area or the building façade, whichever is closer to the Project site.



Discrete receptors were placed in all directions nearest to the Project site and Project truck routes in order to account for the predominant wind directions in the Project vicinity.

For purposes of this HRA, receptors include both residential and non-residential (school children and worker) land uses in the vicinity of the Project. These receptors are included in the HRA since residents, workers, and school children may be exposed at these locations over a long-term duration of 30, 25, and 9 years, respectively. This methodology is consistent with SCAQMD and OEHHA recommended guidance.

Any impacts to residents or workers located further away from the Project site than the modeled residential and workers in a given direction would have a lesser impact than what has already been disclosed in the HRA at the MEIR, MEISC, and MEIW because concentrations dissipate with distance.

All receptors were set to existing elevation height so that only ground-level concentrations are analyzed. United States Geological Survey (USGS) National Elevation Dataset (NED) terrain data based on a 1/3 topographic quadrangle map series using AERMAP was utilized in the HRA modeling to set elevations (14).

Discrete variants for daily breathing rates, exposure frequency, fraction of time at home, and exposure duration were obtained from relevant distribution profiles presented in the 2015 OEHHA Guidelines. Tables 2-6 through 2-9 summarize the Exposure Parameters for residents and workers based on 2015 OEHHA Guidelines. Appendix 2.4 includes the detailed risk calculation.

TABLE 2-6: EXPOSURE ASSUMPTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL CANCER RISK (CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY)

Age	Daily Breathing Rate (L/kg- day)	Age Specific Factor	Exposure Duration (years)	Fraction of Time at Home	Exposure Frequency (days/year)	Exposure Time (hours/day)
0 to 2	1,090	10	0.99	1.00	250	8

TABLE 2-7: EXPOSURE ASSUMPTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL CANCER RISK (30 YEAR RESIDENTIAL)

Age	Daily Breathing Rate (L/kg- day)	Age Specific Factor	Exposure Duration (years)	Fraction of Time at Home	Exposure Frequency (days/year)	Exposure Time (hours/day)
-0.25 to 0	361	10	0.25	0.85	350	24
0 to 2	1,090	10	2	0.85	350	24
2 to 16	572	3	14	0.72	350	24
16 to 30	261	1	14	0.73	350	24



TABLE 2-8: EXPOSURE ASSUMPTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL CANCER RISK (25 YEAR WORKER)

Age	Daily Breathing Rate (L/kg- day)	Age Specific Factor	Exposure Duration (years)	Exposure Frequency (days/year)	Exposure Time (hours/day)
16 to 41	230	1	25	250	12

TABLE 2-9: EXPOSURE ASSUMPTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL CANCER RISK (9 YEAR SCHOOL CHILD)

Age	Daily Breathing Rate (L/kg- day)	Age Specific Factor	Exposure Duration (years)	Exposure Frequency (days/year) <sup>a</sup>	Exposure Time (hours/day)
4 to 13	572	3	9	180	12

To represent the unique characteristics of the school-based population, the assessment employed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's guidance to develop viable dose estimates based on reasonable maximum exposures (RME). RME's are defined as the "highest exposure that is reasonably expected to occur" for a given receptor population. As a result, lifetime risk values for the student population were adjusted to account for an exposure duration of 180 days per year for nine (9) years. The 9 year exposure duration is also consistent with OEHHA Recommendations and consistent with the exposure duration utilized in school-based risk assessments for various schools within the Los Angeles County Unified School District (LAUSD) that have been accepted by the SCAQMD.

### 2.5 CARCINOGENIC CHEMICAL RISK

Excess cancer risks are estimated as the upper-bound incremental probability that an individual will develop cancer over a lifetime as a direct result of exposure to potential carcinogens over a specified exposure duration. The estimated risk is expressed as a unitless probability. The cancer risk attributed to a chemical is calculated by multiplying the chemical intake or dose at the human exchange boundaries (e.g., lungs) by the chemical-specific cancer potency factor (CPF). A risk level of 10 in one million implies a likelihood that up to 10 people, out of one million equally exposed people would contract cancer if exposed continuously (24 hours per day) to the levels of toxic air contaminants over a specified duration of time.

Guidance from CARB and the California Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) recommends a refinement to the standard point estimate approach when alternate human body weights and breathing rates are utilized to assess risk for susceptible subpopulations such as children. For the inhalation pathway, the procedure requires the incorporation of several discrete variates to effectively quantify dose. Once determined, contaminant dose is multiplied by the cancer potency factor (CPF) in units of inverse dose expressed in milligrams per kilogram per day (mg/kg/day)<sup>-1</sup> to derive the cancer risk estimate. Therefore, to assess exposures, the following dose algorithm was utilized.

$$DOSE_{AIR} = \left(C_{AIR} \times \frac{BR}{BW} \times A \times EF\right) \times (1 \times 10^{-6})$$

Where:

 $DOSE_{AIR}$  = chronic daily intake (mg/kg/day)



 $C_{AIR}$  = concentration of contaminant in air ( $\mu g/m^3$ )

 $\frac{BR}{BW}$  = daily breathing rate normalized to body weight

(L/kg BW-day)

A = inhalation absorption factor

EF = exposure frequency (days/365 days)

BW = body weight (kg)

 $1 \times 10^{-6}$  = conversion factors (µg to mg, L to m<sup>3</sup>)

$$RISK_{AIR} = DOSE_{AIR} \times CPF \times ASF \times FAH \times \frac{ED}{AT}$$

Where:

 $DOSE_{AIR}$  = chronic daily intake (mg/kg/day)

*CPF* = cancer potency factor

ASF = age sensitivity factor

FAH = fraction of time at home

*ED* = number of years within particular age group

AT = averaging time

### 2.6 Non-carcinogenic Exposures

An evaluation of the potential noncarcinogenic effects of chronic exposures was also conducted. Adverse health effects are evaluated by comparing a compound's annual concentration with its toxicity factor or Reference Exposure Level (REL). The REL for diesel particulates was obtained from OEHHA for this analysis. The chronic reference exposure level (REL) for DPM was established by OEHHA as  $5 \, \mu g/m^3$  (15).

Non-cancer health effects are expressed as a hazard index (HI), which is calculated using the following equation:

$$HI_{DPM} = \frac{C_{DPM}}{REL_{DPM}}$$

Where:

 $HI_{DPM}$  = Hazard index (unitless)

 $C_{DPM}$  = Annual average DPM concentration (µg/m<sup>3</sup>)



 $REL_{DPM}$  = REL for DPM (the DPM concentration at which no adverse health effects are anticipated).

### 2.7 POTENTIAL PROJECT DPM-SOURCE CANCER AND NON-CANCER RISKS

### **CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS**

The land use with the greatest potential exposure to Project construction-source DPM emissions is Location R2 which is located approximately 120 feet north of the Project site at an existing residence located at 18932 Haas Avenue. R2 is placed in the private outdoor living area (backyard) facing the Project site. At the maximally exposed individual receptor (MEIR), the maximum incremental cancer risk attributable to Project construction-source DPM emissions is estimated at 1.58 in one million, which is less than the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) significance threshold of 10 in one million. At this same location, non-cancer risks were estimated to be  $\leq 0.01$ , which would not exceed the applicable threshold of 1.0. Although Location R2 is not the nearest receptor to the Project site it would experience the highest concentrations of DPM during Project construction due to its location and meteorological conditions at the site. Because all other modeled receptors would experience lower concentrations of DPM during Project construction, all other receptors in the vicinity of the Project would be exposed to less emissions and therefore less risk than the MEIR identified herein. As such, the Project will not cause a significant human health or cancer risk to adjacent land uses as a result of Project construction activity. All other receptors during construction activity would experience less risk than what is identified for this location.

### **OPERATIONAL IMPACTS**

### Residential Exposure Scenario:

The residential land use with the greatest potential exposure to Project operational-source DPM emissions is Location R1 which is located approximately 112 feet north of the Project site at an existing residence located at 18931 Haas Avenue. R1 is placed in the private outdoor living area (backyard) facing the Project site. At this location, the maximum incremental cancer risk attributable to Project operational-source DPM emissions is estimated at 0.85 in one million, which would not exceed the SCAQMD's significance threshold of 10 in one million. At this same location, non-cancer risks were estimated to be ≤0.01, which would not exceed the applicable significance threshold of 1.0.

Location R1 is the nearest receptor to the Project site and would experience the highest concentrations of DPM from Project operation due to its location and meteorological conditions at the Project site. Because all other modeled receptors would be exposed to lower concentrations of DPM, all other receptors in the vicinity of the Project would be exposed to less emissions and therefore less risk than the MEIR identified herein. As such, the Project will not cause a significant human health or cancer risk to nearby residences. The modeled receptors are illustrated on Exhibit 2-D.



# Worker Exposure Scenario<sup>3</sup>:

The worker receptor land use with the greatest potential exposure to Project operational-source DPM emissions is R5 which is located approximately 57 feet east of the Project site at the Epirus located at 19145 Gramercy PI. The maximally exposed individual worker (MEIW) is the worker receptor location that would experience the highest modeled concentrations of DPM, and thus the highest risk. At the MEIW, the maximum incremental cancer risk impact is 0.24 in one million, which is less than the SCAQMD's threshold of 10 in one million. Maximum non-cancer risks at this same location were estimated to be ≤0.01, which would not exceed the applicable significance threshold of 1.0. Because all other modeled worker receptors would be exposed to lower concentrations of DPM, all other worker receptors in the vicinity of the Project would be exposed to less emissions and therefore less risk than the MEIW identified herein. As such, the Project will not cause a significant human health or cancer risk to adjacent workers. The modeled receptors are illustrated on Exhibit 2-D.

## School Child Exposure Scenario:

Proximity to sources of toxics is critical to determining the impact. In traffic-related studies, the additional non-cancer health risk attributable to proximity was seen within 1,000 feet and was strongest within 300 feet. California freeway studies show about a 70-percent drop-off in particulate pollution levels at 500 feet. Based on California Air Resources Board (CARB) and SCAQMD emissions and modeling analyses, an 80-percent drop-off in pollutant concentrations is expected at approximately 1,000 feet from a distribution center (1).

The 1,000-foot evaluation distance is supported by research-based findings concerning Toxic Air Contaminant (TAC) emission dispersion rates from roadways and large sources showing that emissions diminish substantially between 500 and 1,000 feet from emission sources.

A one-quarter mile radius, or 1,320 feet, is commonly utilized for identifying sensitive receptors, such as schools, that may be impacted by a proposed project. This radius is more robust than, and therefore provides a more health protective scenario for evaluation than the 1,000-foot impact radius identified above. Notwithstanding, for full disclosure purposes, the nearest school was also evaluated.

The nearest school and location of the maximally exposed individual school child (MEISC) is 186<sup>th</sup> Street Elementary School, located approximately 3,352 feet northeast of the Project site and represented by Receptor R6. At the MEISC, the maximum incremental cancer risk impact attributable to the Project is calculated to be 0.01 in one million, which is less than the significance threshold of 10 in one million. At this same location, non-cancer risks attributable to the Project were calculated to be ≤0.01, which would not exceed the applicable significance threshold of 1.0. Because all other modeled school receptors would be exposed to lower



<sup>3</sup> SCAQMD guidance does not require assessment of the potential health risk to on-site workers. Excerpts from the document OEHHA Air Toxics Hot Spots Program Risk Assessment Guidelines—The Air Toxics Hot Spots Program Guidance Manual for Preparation of Health Risk Assessments (OEHHA 2003), also indicate that it is not necessary to examine the health effects to on-site workers unless required by RCRA (Resource Conservation and Recovery Act) / CERCLA (Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act) or the worker resides on-site.

concentrations of DPM, all other school receptors in the vicinity of the of the Project would be exposed to less emissions and therefore less risk than the MEISC identified herein.

### **CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONAL IMPACTS**

This analysis considers a conservative scenario in which a child at a nearby residence is exposed to Project construction-related DPM emissions from birth for the expected 0.99 years of Project construction and is then exposed to Project operational emissions for the remaining 29.01 years of the 30-year residential exposure scenario.

The land use with the greatest potential exposure to Project construction-source and operational-source DPM emissions is Location R2. At the MEIR, the maximum incremental cancer risk attributable to Project construction-source and operational-source DPM emissions is estimated at 2.17 in one million, which is less than the threshold of 10 in one million. At this same location, non-cancer risks were estimated to be ≤0.01, which would not exceed the applicable threshold of 1.0. As such, the Project will not cause a significant human health or cancer risk to adjacent land uses as a result of Project construction and operational activity. All other receptors during construction and operational activity would experience less risk than what is identified for this location. The modeled receptors are illustrated on Exhibit 2-D.

It should be noted that for clarity purposes, the receptors presented in Exhibit 2-D do not represent all modeled receptors and instead presents the nearest receptors that would experience the highest pollutant concentrations. A total of 185 receptors were modeled in the analysis. Appendix 2.5 presents a figure detailing the locations of all receptors as modeled in AERMOD.



**EXHIBIT 2-D: RECEPTOR LOCATIONS** 



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# 4 CERTIFICATIONS

The contents of this health risk assessment represent an accurate depiction of the impacts to sensitive receptors associated with the proposed Sequoia Commerce Center. The information contained in this health risk assessment report is based on the best available data at the time of preparation. If you have any questions, please contact me at (949) 660-1994.

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### **APPENDIX 2.1:**

**CALEEMOD OUTPUTS** 





# APPENDIX 2.2:

**EMFAC EMISSIONS SUMMARY** 





## **APPENDIX 2.3:**

**AERMOD MODEL INPUT/OUTPUT** 





## APPENDIX 2.4:

**RISK CALCULATIONS** 





## **APPENDIX 2.5:**

**MODELED RECEPTORS** 





