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RE: MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE STATION NO. 227 DATED JUNE 18, 2025, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER 2025060902

Dear Ernesto Gonzales,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reviewed the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for San Bernardino County Fire Station No. 227 (Project). The Project proposes the construction of a new fire station to replace the existing Fire Station No. 227, which has been in operation since 1953. The new facility will be situated on a 1.21-acre site within the Arrowhead Elementary School property. The Project includes the development of a 10,764 square-foot fire station building, a 400 square-foot storage building, and a 1,400 square-foot steel-roofed parking lot canopy. The site will also feature a 1,000-gallon fuel tank and a backup generator. DTSC recommends and requests consideration of the following comments:

1. If buildings or other structures are to be demolished on any project sites included in the proposed Project, surveys should be conducted for the presence of lead-based paints or products, mercury, asbestos containing materials, and polychlorinated biphenyl caulk. Removal, demolition, and disposal of any of the above-mentioned chemicals should be conducted in compliance with California environmental regulations and policies. In addition,

sampling near current and/or former buildings should be conducted in accordance with DTSC's Preliminary Endangerment Assessment (PEA) Guidance Manual.

2. All imported soil and fill material should be tested to assess any contaminants of concern meet screening levels as outlined in DTSC's PEA Guidance Manual. Additionally, DTSC advises referencing the DTSC Information Advisory Clean Imported Fill Material Fact Sheet if importing fill is necessary. To minimize the possibility of introducing contaminated soil and fill material there should be documentation of the origins of the soil or fill material and, if applicable, sampling be conducted to ensure that the imported soil and fill material are suitable for the intended land use. The soil sampling should include analysis based on the source of the fill and knowledge of prior land use. Additional information can be found by visiting DTSC's Human and Ecological Risk Office (HERO) webpage.

DTSC would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the MND for San Bernardino County Fire Station No. 227. Thank you for your assistance in protecting California's people and environment from the harmful effects of toxic substances. If you have any questions or would like clarification on DTSC's comments, please respond to this letter or via our CEQA Review email for additional guidance.

Sincerely,

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