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RE: MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR PLAN23-00021 - A SITE PLAN AND A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT - DESERT VALLEY HOSPITAL DATED JUNE 17, 2025, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER [2025060809](#)

Dear Mina Morgan,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reviewed the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for PLAN23-00021 - A Site Plan and a Conditional Use Permit - Desert Valley Hospital (Project). The Project consists of two main components: an emergency department addition, and the construction of a medical-surgical department. The first component is the construction of an addition to the existing Desert Valley Hospital which would be located east of the existing Medical Office Building and would occupy the southeast corner of the Desert Valley Hospital. The addition of the emergency department would add approximately 83,369-square-foot building would be two stories. The second floor of the building addition would include 38,269 square feet for a Med Surg Unit. 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 PLAN23-00021 - A Site Plan and a Conditional Use Permit - Desert Valley Hospital. 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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