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RE: NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR INGLEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT DATED JULY 16, 2025, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER [2025070682](#)

Dear Jordan Miles,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reviewed the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for Inglewood High School Reconstruction Project (Project). The Project will include the demolition of most of the existing classroom buildings. Six new buildings would be constructed, including a two-story Administration and General Classroom building; a one-story Food Services and Multi-Purpose Room building; a one- to two-story Science Labs and General Classrooms building; a one-story Student Life building, a one-story Career and Technical Education and classrooms building, and a one-story Career and Technical Education and Music classrooms building. In addition, the existing Auditorium and Gymnasium would be internally renovated. Lastly, the Project would remove existing asphalt areas, and sports court/field and landscaping improvements would be included throughout the Inglewood High School campus. In addition, the Project would include campus path lighting, exterior building lights, and sports facility lighting. DTSC recommends and requests consideration of the following comments:

1. If the district plans to use California Department of Education (CDE) State funds for the Project, then the district shall comply with the requirements of Education Code (EDC), [§17210](#), [§17213.1](#), and [§17213.2](#), unless otherwise specifically exempted under section [§17268](#). If the district is not using CDE State funds for the Project, or is otherwise specifically exempt under section [§17268](#), DTSC recommends the district continue to investigate, clean up the Site under the oversight of Los Angeles County and in concurrence with all applicable DTSC guidance documents, if necessary. For more information on the CDE State funding, please visit the [Office of Public-School Construction](#) webpage. A local education agency may also voluntarily request the CDE site/plan approval for locally funded site acquisitions and new construction projects. In these cases, CDE will require DTSC to review and approve prior to its final approval, except when exempt under section 17268.
2. All imported soil/fill material should be tested to assess any contaminants of concern meet screening levels as outlined in [DTSC's Preliminary Endangerment Assessment 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/fill material, there should be documentation of the origins of the soil/fill material and, if applicable, sampling be conducted to ensure that the imported soil/fill material are suitable for the intended land use. The soil sampling should include analysis based on the source of the soil/fill and knowledge of prior land use.

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the NOP of a DEIR for Inglewood High School Reconstruction Project. If you would like to proceed with DTSC's school environmental review process, please visit [DTSC's Evaluating & Clean-up School 3-Step Process to begin a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment](#). 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.

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Sincerely,

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