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RE: NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
FOR THE ONT BOLD PROGRAM DATED MAY 8, 2026, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE
NUMBER [2026050357](#)

Dear Heba Shanaa,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reviewed the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the ONT BOLD Program (Project). The Project includes the construction of a new terminal facility (Terminal 3), the modernization of existing Terminals 2 and 4, and optimization of the Airport's terminal roadway system, vehicle parking, car rental facilities, and aircraft aprons to meet forecast aircraft fleet and passenger demands. Aging terminal utilities systems and mechanical equipment would be replaced and consolidated and select portions of airfield pavement would be reconstructed to current FAA standards. A new Central Utility Plant, electrical substation, and fuel farm would also be constructed as part of the proposed Project. DTSC recommends and requests consideration of the following comments:

1. The proposed project is located in close proximity to a formerly used defense site (FUDS), including the [SBD Ontario Army Airfield](#), in which

munitions/target testing during the World War II era occurred. Please investigate the historical uses of the FUDS site to evaluate if there is potential for exploded ordnances, munitions of explosive concern and/or munitions debris to be encountered during proposed construction activities. In the event any munitions of explosive concern and/or debris are encountered, utilize the following procedures:

- a. **Recognize** that munitions are dangerous;
- b. **Retreat** do not approach, touch, move or disturb it, but carefully leave the area; and,
- c. **Report** immediately what you saw and where you saw it to local law enforcement — call 911.

To request information on FUDS please email FOIA-SPL@usace.army.mil to submit a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

2. DTSC recommends being aware of signs of contaminated soil, residual staining, or odors during the construction process and advises collecting appropriate samples for waste characterization and contacting DTSC if further assessment is necessary. DTSC recommends compliance with all applicable or relevant and appropriate environmental laws. If imported soil is needed, DTSC recommends that 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 fill and knowledge of prior land use. Additional information can be found by visiting [DTSC's Human and Ecological Risk Office \(HERO\) webpage](#).

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DTSC would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the NOP of a DEIR for the ONT BOLD Program. Thank you for your assistance in protecting California's people and environment from the harmful effects of toxic substances. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact us via our [CEQA Review email](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Kereazis". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

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