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RE: MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE SA RECYCLING FACILITY DEMOLITION AND RESTORATION PROJECT DATED SEPTEMBER 30, 2026, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER 2026091267

Dear Jennifer Williams,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has reviewed the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the SA Recycling Facility Demolition and Restoration Project (Project). SA Recycling, LLC (SA Recycling) proposes to demolish and remove existing improvements on the property at Pier T in the Port of Long Beach (Port) consisting of the operations and administration building, parking lot, weighing station/truck scales, two railroad spurs, stockpile yard, loading areas, maintenance facilities, utilities (gas, electrical, fire, communication, water, and sewer), aboveground storage tank, stormwater conveyance system comprised of a pump station/clarifier, sumps, and aboveground piping, concrete, footings, flood lighting, boundary wall, and perimeter fencing. The existing wharf, crane rail system, oil pipelines, and plugged oil wells would remain on the property. As required by its lease with the Port, SA Recycling would restore the premises to its pre-lease condition. Subsequent to demolition and restoration activities, the Project

site would be covered with crushed rock/gravel to prevent soil erosion, and fencing would be installed along the perimeter of the Project site for security purposes. There are currently no approved developments, operations, or new land uses for the Project site following the proposed removal of the improvements, site restoration activities, and vacation of the premises by SA Recycling.

DTSC recommends and requests consideration of the following comments:

1. The Project borders on or in close vicinity to a State Response / LUC site, Long Beach Naval Complex (Station & Shipyard). which DTSC has regulatory oversight. DTSC recommends the Port of Long Beach Environmental Planning Division coordinate with DTSC and provide further information on the Project site and areas that may fall under DTSC's oversight within any future environmental documents. Once received, DTSC may provide additional comments on the documents as further information becomes available. Please review the project area in EnviroStor; DTSC's public-facing database.
2. DTSC recommends all imported soil/fill material be tested to ensure all COCs meet screening levels as outlined in DTSC's Preliminary Endangerment Assessment Guidance Manual. Furthermore, DTSC advises referencing the DTSC Information Advisory Clean Imported Fill Material Fact Sheet if importing soil/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 is suitable for the intended land use. The 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 SA Recycling Facility Demolition and Restoration Project. the SA Recycling Facility Demolition and Restoration Project 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 the CEQA Review email for additional guidance.

Sincerely,

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