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Subject: 30-day Public Comment Period, March 28 through April 26, 2018 on Five Draft Removal Action Plans and California Environmental Quality Act - Mitigated Negative Declaration at Six Sites within the Former Naval Petroleum Reserve No. 1 (NPR-1), Elk Hills, California

Greetings:

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), the state agency responsible for the cleanup and management of hazardous waste and contaminated sites throughout California, will oversee the soil removal activities at six Areas of Concern (AOCs) within the approximately 74 square mile Former Naval Petroleum Reserve No. 1 (NPR-1) in Kern County, California. The former NPR-1 continues to be an active oil field, now operated by California Resources Elk Hills, LLC, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of California Resources Corporation.

DTSC has prepared five Community Updates (enclosed) related to the six sites proposed by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for soil removal and cleanup. Two of the sites are addressed in a single Community Update. The Community Updates provide an overview of the proposed removal activities at the NPR-1 previously owned by the DOE. The Community Updates provide information on California Environmental Quality Act, What is being Proposed, AOC location, AOC History and AOC Background, Previous Site Investigations, Removal Action Objectives, Clean-up Alternatives, Proposed Alternative, Next Steps, Where to Find Documents and DTSC Contact Information.

DTSC is announcing a 30-day comment period from March 28 through April 26, 2018, for community members and stakeholders to review and comment on the five draft Cleanup Plans detailing the proposed activities at the six AOCs. The Community Updates contain information on where you can find and review the draft Cleanup Plans, other project-related documents, and DTSC contact information. As part of our goal to ensure that communities have an opportunity to actively participate in the decision-making process, DTSC encourages you to review the enclosed information and provide your feedback by mail or e-mail. Attached is a comment form to provide your comments along with instructions on how to send comments on each of the proposed cleanup plans.

We greatly appreciate your participation in this process to help DTSC better serve your needs and interest. If you should have any questions, please contact me (559) 297-3978 or by e-mail at Thomas.Berg@dtsc.ca.gov.

Thank you,


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