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Mr. Mike Sedell  
City Manager  
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Dear Mr. Sedell:

Thank you for your letter dated November 7, 2007 to Ms. Maureen Gorsen which follows up on your previous letter dated October 18, 2007 regarding the potential presence of chemical contamination at the Runkle Canyon property. With your letter, you included an additional report prepared by Geocon Consultants, Inc., dated August 10, 2007, summarizing the results of previous environmental studies of the Runkle Canyon property.

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) sent you a letter on November 8, 2007 responding to your October 18, 2007 letter. On the same day, DTSC sent a letter to the developers of the Runkle Canyon and Woolsey Canyon projects recommending that they consider working with DTSC to address questions and concerns about environmental conditions at those locations.

We appreciate the additional information you provided, however, upon review, that information does not change the fundamental conclusion stated in DTSC's November 8 letter, i.e., that the information provided to date is not sufficient to support conclusions about environmental conditions and associated potential threats to human health. A confident and reliable determination of risk to human health and the environment must be based on a risk assessment utilizing appropriate characterization data and a thorough review of all relevant documents. The summary of previous environmental documents provided by you contains references that may be used in identifying all relevant historic documents.

In our November 8, 2007 letters, we strongly encouraged the developers of Runkle Canyon and Woolsey Canyon projects to work with DTSC to address questions and concerns about environmental conditions in the areas proposed for development. In addition, our November 8, 2007 letter to you noted that DTSC expects to receive, by December 14, 2007, a report from Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) owners and

operators regarding environmental investigations conducted by those entities outside the borders of the SSFL. Following receipt of that report DTSC will evaluate the sum of all data available for areas surrounding SSFL and, if necessary, using authority granted in the Health and Safety Code, direct responsible parties to perform additional work to address any unanswered questions about off-site contamination. If we discover, at any location, contamination at levels that pose an unacceptable risk to public health or the environment, we will use our authority to require removal or other remediation of the contaminants from the affected property to levels that are safe for the intended land uses.

DTSC will keep you informed of its progress in this area. If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact me at (916) 327-8642 or Mr. Gerard Abrams, Senior Engineering Geologist at (916) 255-3600.

Sincerely,



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