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### NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF AN APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE VERNON POWER PLANT PROJECT

Dear Mr. Reede:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has received your Notice of Completion of an Application for Certification (AFC) for the project mentioned above.

Based on the review of the document, DTSC comments are as follows:

1. The AFC needs to identify and determine whether current or historic uses at the Project sites have resulted in any release of hazardous wastes/substances at the Project area.
2. The AFC needs to identify any known or potentially contaminated site within the Project area. For all identified sites, the AFC needs to evaluate whether conditions at the site pose a threat to human health or the environment.
3. The AFC should identify the mechanism to initiate any required investigation and/or remediation for any site that may require remediation, and which government agency will provide appropriate regulatory oversight.
4. If during construction of the project, soil contamination is suspected, construction in the area should stop, and appropriate health and safety procedures should be implemented. If it is determined that contaminated soils exist, the AFC should identify how any required investigation and/or remediation will be conducted, and which government agency will provide regulatory oversight.

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DTSC provides guidance for Preliminary Endangerment Assessment preparation and cleanup oversight through the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). For additional information on the VCP please visit DTSC's web site at [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov). If you would like to meet and discuss this matter further, please contact Mr. Alberto Valmidiano, Project Manager, at (818) 551-2870 or me at (818) 551-2973.

Sincerely,



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