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Subject: INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT RE: Riverside Ag Park Health Consult

The Site Assessment Section (SAS) of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has prepared a health consultation for the investigation of the neighborhood near Riverside Agricultural Park (Ag Park).

On October 10, 2016, the federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) accepted a petition from the city of Riverside, CA, to investigate residents' health concerns regarding potential exposure to polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) from Ag Park. SAS conducted this investigation under a cooperative agreement between ATSDR and CDPH. This health consultation describes the public health assessment activities, conclusions, and recommendations to protect public health. ATSDR certified this document and is releasing it for public comment from July 25 to September 23, 2019.

Ag Park site is a 62-acre property located at Rutland and Jurupa Avenues in Riverside, CA. It is bordered by the Santa Ana River to the north, and residential housing to the west, south, and east. In the past it was used as a sewage treatment plant, for livestock shows, and for recreation. In 2003, the city began grading activities at Ag Park and a contractor accidentally ruptured an old sewage tank. Samples of the spilled sludge and affected soil were taken on the site, and metals, solvents, and PCBs were detected. The discovery of hazardous substances prompted the City to stop development activities, erect additional fencing, and post warning signs. Since 2004, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has been the lead agency overseeing multiple investigations and cleanup activities on-site.

For the health consultation, we met with community members and groups, helped prepare DTSC's soil investigation plan, held a public meeting, conducted an educational workshop, and prepared a "Patient Information Package" for community members concerned about exposures to PCBs.

The main findings of the health consultation are the following:

- Exposures to PCBs in surface soil at 24 out of 25 residential parcels, Rutland Park, and the right-of-way west of Ag Park are not expected to harm people's health.

  CDPH recommends that community members in the Ag Park neighborhood who are interested in learning more about PCBs review the information in CDPH's patient information package and ATSDR's PCB fact sheet.

- PCBs in surface soil in one residential parcel could harm people's health if the exposure lasts for two decades or more.

  CDPH recommends that the City of Riverside and DTSC continue to work together to further investigate parcel A and take measures to reduce exposure to PCBs.

The health consultation will be available in both English and Spanish on the Environmental Health Investigations Branch website (http://cdph.ca.gov/RiversideHC) and at city of Riverside public libraries. We encourage you to read the document and provide written comments. These comments will be addressed and will become part of an appendix in the final document, which will be completed within 6 months of the close of the comment period. **There will be a public meeting during the comment period on Thursday, August 15, 2019 from 6 to 8pm at the Arlanza Community Center located at 7950 Philbin Avenue, Riverside, CA 92503**. If you have any questions or would like to receive a hard copy by mail, please contact Nancy Villaseñor at (510) 620-5845.

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