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SUBJECT: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INTERVIEWS, REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES PROPOSED FOR SOLAR TURBINES INCORPORATED, HARBOR DRIVE FACILITY, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, 92101

The California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal EPA), Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will be conducting community interviews in reference to federally required soil and groundwater cleanup activities proposed for the Solar Turbines Incorporated (Solar) site located at 2200 Pacific Highway in San Diego, California 92101. We would like to schedule a time to interview you and/or members of your organization at your office on October 16, 17, or 18, 1996. The purpose of the interview is to obtain information from you/your organization about the facility necessary to complete a community assessment related to proposed federally required corrective action activities.

The objectives of the assessment are to ascertain the level of community interest, issues of concern, obtain historical information about the facility, and receive input on how to best involve the community in the decision making process about ongoing and future proposed remediation. Community outreach techniques identified will facilitate the development of a Public Participation Plan (PPP) and communication strategy for the site.

The DTSC is the lead agency providing regulatory oversight of federally required corrective action activities being conducted at Solar. A Resource Conservation & Recovery Act Facility Assessment (RFA) was conducted and a RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) report will be prepared in the near future. The RFA identifies areas of concern relating to the potential release of hazardous materials into soil and/or groundwater. The RFI report will provide a description of results of soil and groundwater investigations conducted to confirm whether a release of hazardous constituents has occurred from areas identified in the RFA.

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To complete the assessment, public participation and technical staff from DTSC, Navistar International Transportation Corp. (Navistar) (former site owner), Solar, and Geraghty & Miller, Inc. (environmental consultant to Navistar and Solar) are interviewing community members, community based groups, organizations, public agency representatives and elected officials involved or interested with the on-going corrective action activities taking place at the site. Once the interviews and assessment are completed, a Public Participation Plan (PPP) will be developed. The PPP will encompass a strategy for (1) conveying to community members and other interested parties information about environmental activities occurring at the facility and (2) receiving input on how to be responsive to the community's needs.

We request that you contact Ms. LaVonne Hill of DTSC by October 11, 1996, at (818) 551-2909 to schedule an interview. We look forward to meeting with you and appreciate your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. LaVonne Hill.

Sincerely,

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