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**NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT REPORT**

Dear Dr. Knatz:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the preparation of the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Port of Long Beach's Berths T116-T136 Redevelopment Project. The proposed redevelopment project would take place on the Long Beach Naval Shipyard (LBNSY) scheduled to be closed in September 1997.

As the lead State of California regulatory agency for investigation and remediation of hazardous substances at the Long Beach Naval Complex (LBNC), the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) would like to provide the following comments for incorporation into the draft EIR.

Currently the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal-EPA) in conjunction with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) is overseeing the investigation and remediation of eight (8) Installation Restoration Program (IRP) sites at the LBNSY (including Site 7 and 6A-water tank parcel). In addition, numerous points of interest (POI) have been identified which need to be further investigated. The EIR should discuss the possible impact of the proposed reuse to the ongoing remediation efforts and provide mitigation for any adverse impact.



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The EIR should also address the possible release of hazardous constituents to the environment from any proposed construction or demolition. The required air monitoring and other health and safety issues pertaining to construction workers and the public should be discussed in the EIR.

Please forward a copy of the draft EIR for our review and comment. Should you need additional information, please contact me at (310) 590-4873.

Sincerely,



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