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COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT FOR DAVIS CHEMICAL COMPANY IN LOS ANGELES, CA

Dear Community Member:

We invite you to complete and return the enclosed community survey regarding a planned site investigation at the former Davis Chemical Company located at 1550 North Bonnie Beach Place in Los Angeles, California. The site, which is now vacant, is about 1/3 of an acre in size. It is bordered by residential properties on the north and east, and by light industries on the west. Our agency, the Department of Toxic Substances Control, is overseeing the investigation. We will be looking for chemicals in the soil and possibly also the groundwater that might be a risk to human health or the environment.

This survey will help us determine your concerns so that we can keep you informed and involved throughout the investigation and any proposed cleanup plans. Please return the community survey by March 21, 2003, to the address at the top of the survey form.

Davis Chemical Company recycled spent solvents, mainly acetone, on the property from 1949 to 1990, when it went out of business. In 1992 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) inspected the site and found evidence of chemical spills. In 1996 the company paid for an environmental study that included soil samples. These samples showed that there were solvents and other chemicals in the soil.

Because of the potential risk from chemicals that may have spilled or leaked during the site's operations, we have entered into an agreement with former Davis Chemical Company customers who sent materials to the site that requires them to conduct an investigation of the site. This investigation will include taking more samples of the soil, and possibly of the groundwater if we think it may have been contaminated. Once we have all the information from the investigation, we will determine if the site poses a risk and requires cleanup. We will invite the public to review and comment on any cleanup plans before taking action.

Thank you in advance for completing and returning the enclosed survey. If you have any questions please contact either Project Manager, Safouh Sayed at (714) 484-5478 (email ssayed@dtsc.ca.gov) or myself at (714) 484-5488 (email lhernand@dtsc.ca.gov).

Sincerely

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The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Web-site at www.dtsc.ca.gov.

Enclosure – Community Survey Questionnaire



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