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NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF DECISION TO APPROVE CLASS 3 HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT MODIFICATION, EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE (EAFB), EDWARDS, CALIFORNIA, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ID NO. CA1570024504

Dear Mr. Roraback:

This letter is to inform you that the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has withdrawn its March 7th, 2014 decision to approve the EAFB class III permit modification to add treatment of hazardous waste by open burn/open detonation. The modified permit was to become effective on April 7th, 2014. However, DTSC has since determined that the notice to certain persons and organizations was defective because they were not notified of the public comment period for the draft permit and draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). DTSC must notify the persons and organizations and will announce another public comment period and hold another public hearing. The draft permit and EIR will again be made available for public comment. Once the comment period has concluded, DTSC will respond to all written comments received before making a final decision. EAFB must now return to operating under the conditions that were in place before the class III permit modification was approved until DTSC makes its final decision.

Also, on April 7th, 2014, Mr. Phillip Chandler filed a petition for review (appeal attached to this letter) of the EAFB class III permit modification decision for reasons unrelated to DTSC's current decision to re-notice the draft permit. Because DTSC is withdrawing its decision to approve the EAFB class III permit modification, this appeal is moot and Mr. Chandler will be welcome to provide comments during the next public comment period.

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DTSC will contact EAFB once the dates for the next comment period and public hearing have been scheduled. If you have any questions regarding this letter you can contact Mr. Sam Coe at (916) 255-3587 or sam.coe@dtsc.ca.gov or me at (916) 255-3635 or michael.choe@dtsc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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