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1.1 PURPOSE OF THE EIR

This ~~draft~~ *Final* Environmental Impact Report (*FEIR*) (~~DEIR~~) was prepared by the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to examine the potential environmental impacts associated with approval of Industrial Service Oil Company, Inc's. (ISOCI) application for a full Hazardous Waste Facility Part B Permit. DTSC has principal responsibility for approving the project and is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Pub. Resources Code, div. 13, §21000 et seq.) and its implementing Guidelines [CCR., Title 14, §15000 et seq.] for preparation and approval of this *FEIR* ~~DEIR~~.

The primary purposes of this *FEIR* ~~DEIR~~ are to:

- Present a detailed description of the proposed project at the ISOCI facility.
- Identify and evaluate potential environmental consequences of the proposed project.
- Indicate the manner in which those environmental consequences can be mitigated or avoided.
- Identify and analyze alternatives that may avoid or substantially lessen potentially significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed project.
- Identify any impacts that, even with implementation of mitigation measures, would be unavoidable and adverse.
- Provide documentation that supports these determinations.

The purpose of the Environmental Impact Report is to inform the general public, decision-makers, and other responsible and interested agencies about the consequences of the project and alternatives to the project, if the project were carried out. Furthermore, the environmental review process was established to examine and evaluate mitigation methods which would assist in eliminating or reducing any potentially adverse impacts. This ~~draft~~ *Final* EIR is being circulated to potentially affected agencies and the public for review and comment.

1.2 SCOPE OF THE EIR

Environmental Resource Areas Examined

DTSC reviewed ISOCI's Part B permit application and determined that several environmental resource areas had the potential to be impacted by the proposed project if it were approved. Consequently, DTSC made the decision to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to further evaluate whether these impacts would be significant. DTSC gave notice that it would be preparing an EIR in a Notice of Preparation (NOP) that was used to solicit input from affected agencies and the public regarding the scope of the analysis that should be considered in the EIR. This NOP identified those resource areas that would be further evaluated. Taking into consideration the input received during the NOP and public scoping processes, DTSC determined that 10 environmental resource areas would be evaluated for potential project impacts. These environmental resource areas and their corresponding section numbers in this report are:

- 3.2 Aesthetics
- 3.3 Air Quality
- 3.4 Geology and Soils
- 3.5 Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- 3.6 Hydrology and Water Quality
- 3.7 Land Use and Planning
- 3.8 Noise
- 3.9 Public Utilities
- 3.10 Transportation and Traffic
- 3.11 Utilities and Service Systems

Environmental Resource Areas Not Examined

The environmental resource areas that DTSC determined would not be potentially impacted and the reasons why they would not be further examined in this ~~EIR~~ *FEIR* are:

Agricultural Resources – The project does not have the potential to have a significant impact on agricultural resources because the project site is zoned for industrial use, is fully developed as an industrial site, and has been used by ISOCI as an industrial site for over 30 years. The project does not call for the conversion of farmland, nor does it conflict with existing zoning or Williamson Act contracts. Therefore, further analysis of impacts to Agricultural Resources was not deemed necessary.

Biological Resources – The project site does not contain biological resources that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state. The site contains no riparian habitat or supports any protected species recognized in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The site has no impact on protected wetlands and does not interfere

with the movement of native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species. Therefore, further analysis of impacts to Biological Resources was not deemed necessary.

Cultural Resources – The project site does not contain cultural resources of significant historical resource or archaeological resource. Modifications to the site would not directly or indirectly destroy any paleontological resource or site of unique geological feature. No human remains would be affected by the project. Therefore, further analysis of impacts to Cultural Resources was not deemed necessary.

Mineral Resources - The project site does not contain mineral resources that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state. Further, the site is not a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan. Therefore, further analysis of impacts to Mineral Resources was not deemed necessary.

Population and Housing – The proposed project will require an additional 10-12 employees at the ISOCI. The increase of 10-12 employees is small compared to the large labor pool in southern California. Consequently, the project would not induce substantial population growth in the area nor cause the displacement of existing housing or people or necessitate construction of replacement housing in the area affected by the project. Therefore, further analysis of impacts to Population and Housing was not deemed necessary.

Recreation – Since the number of employees will not increase substantially because of the project, there would not be an increase in the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities. Further, the project does not include recreational facilities or require construction or expansion of recreational facilities that otherwise might have an adverse physical effect on the environment. Therefore, further analysis of impacts to Recreational Facilities was not deemed necessary.

1.3 ORGANIZATION OF THE EIR

The content and format of this ~~DEIR~~ *FEIR* are organized into the following chapters to meet the requirements of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines:

Executive Summary. Provides a summary of the proposed project and alternatives, potential impacts and mitigation measures.

1.0 Introduction. Describes the purpose and use of the ~~draft~~ *Final* EIR and outlines the organization of the ~~draft~~ *Final* EIR.

2.0 Project Description. This chapter provides a description of existing and proposed operations as proposed in the Part B Permit application.

3.0 Environmental Impact Analysis. This chapter describes the current environmental conditions existing in the vicinity of the project, including ISOCI’s existing permitted operations, as used in the local and regional planning processes. This environmental setting constitutes the baseline physical conditions by which DTSC determines whether an impact is significant in this EIR. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15125(a)). In addition, this chapter discusses the environmental setting, significance criteria, environmental impacts, mitigation measures and cumulative impacts for each environmental resource area examined.

4.0 Alternatives. This chapter provides a discussion of a range of reasonable alternatives to the proposed project that would feasibly attain all or most of the basic objectives of the project and would avoid or substantially lessen any of the potentially significant environmental effects of the project.

5.0 Cumulative Impacts. This chapter provides a discussion of other categories of environmental impacts that must be evaluated in an EIR in addition to those addressed in Chapter 3.0 Environmental Impact Analysis.

6.0 References. This chapter provides a list of references used to provide information in preparation of the ~~Draft~~ *Final* EIR. A list of individuals and organizations that have contributed data or concerns to be addressed in the ~~Draft~~ *Final* EIR is also provided. Persons and organizations that contributed to preparation of the ~~Draft~~ *Final* EIR are identified as well.

7.0 Acronyms and Glossary. This chapter provides a list of acronyms and a glossary of terms as they are used in this document.

Appendices. The following appendices to the ~~Draft~~ *Final* EIR are included in this document:

- Appendix A: Notice of Preparation
- Appendix B: Waste Codes and Chemicals of Concern
- Appendix C: Baseline Emission Calculations
- Appendix D: Project Emission Calculations
- Appendix E: Emission Calculations for Alternatives
- Appendix F: Hazard Analysis
- Appendix G: Traffic Analysis

1.4 AVAILABILITY OF THE EIR

Copies of the ~~Draft~~ *Final* EIR and the Part B Permit Application are available at:

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