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California Department of Toxic Substances Control Joins U.S. EPA to Provide Millions of Federal Stimulus Dollars for the Bay Area

Oakland, Calif. – The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will hold a joint press conference with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 to announce millions of dollars of federal stimulus money that will directly benefit and revitalize communities in Northern California.

Alameda County will receive more than \$2.2 million in brownfields grants. This includes one grant of \$200,000 awarded to the Oakland Housing Authority to revitalize Lion Creek Crossings Housing Development (formerly known as Coliseum Gardens). This will help to create and safeguard green jobs as the funds will be spent cleaning up soil and later developing 72 units of affordable townhomes and flats on the site.

These grants are part of a \$111.9 million dollar package of EPA brownfields grants that is being awarded to communities across the nation.

In 2004, Governor Schwarzenegger signed into law the California Land Reuse and Revitalization Act of 2004, known as the Brownfields Cleanup Act. It went into effect on Jan. 1, 2005. Since then, DTSC has been actively supervising numerous Brownfields sites. These activities have resulted in programs that employ thousands of people and restore properties for economic use.

When: Wednesday May 13, 11:00 a.m. (media check in 10:45 a.m.)

Where: Lion Creek Crossings, 6888 Lion Way at 69th Street, Oakland, CA. The event is in the Lion Creek Crossings Housing Development (formerly Coliseum Gardens). The site is just north east of the Coliseum BART station.

Who: DTSC Acting Director Maziar Movassaghi will join key federal, state and local officials to discuss how this latest Recovery Act funding will benefit the Bay Area. Environmental contractors and Lion Creek Crossings residents will also be available for interviews.

Visuals include:

- Site tour of homes with families

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The mission of the Department of Toxic Substances Control is to protect public health, safety, and the environment from toxic harm.