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### **Loomis Hills Estate Subdivision Press Release**

Sacramento – The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced certification of the hazardous substances cleanup at the Loomis Hills Estate Subdivision site located at 5337 Lone Pine Lane in Loomis (Placer County.) Certification means all environmental cleanup activities are complete. The site received an “unrestricted use” certification, the Department’s most conservative.

“We are pleased to announce the completion of cleanup activities at this Brownfield site,” said DTSC Director B.B. Blevins. “The cooperation of the site owner, the cleanup and the certification are indications that environmental cleanup and restoration of sites for productive use can be successful for residential development,” he added.

The Loomis Hills Estate Subdivision is a proposed 322-acre rural residential development. The site was formerly used for orchard cultivation from the 1920’s through the mid 1980. Soil testing in the late 1990’s revealed elevated levels of arsenic, lead, DDT, and PCB. During the cleanup, implemented in the spring of 2004, approximately 1,900 cubic yards of contaminated soil was excavated, and transported to a hazardous waste disposal facility.

Several confirmation samples were taken after the removal to ensure that the contaminated soils were removed.

The owner of the site entered into a Voluntary Cleanup Agreement with the DTSC. Under the terms of the agreement, DTSC provided environmental oversight of the investigation, cleanup, and certification of the property for reuse.

The site is one of thousands of Brownfield sites in California. These sites can be located in urban or rural industrial settings. Often, they are abandoned properties that are contaminated or thought to be contaminated, and are underutilized because of potential cleanup costs and liability concerns.

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