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COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT FOR THE FORMER ENCANTO GAS HOLDER SITE

Dear Community Member:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to complete and return a community survey assessing public interest in an environmental investigation for the former Encanto Gas Holder site located at 1350 San Altos Place, Lemon Grove, California. The goal of the Department is to restore and protect the environment, in part by conducting and overseeing cleanups. Your responses will help shape upcoming public participation opportunities associated with this investigation. Please complete the attached community questionnaire by February 28, 2002.

The Encanto Gas Holder site is the former location of a high pressure natural gas storage facility and compressor station that was used by San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) to regulate natural gas flows to the surrounding community during times of peak usage. SDG&E acquired the Encanto site in 1951. Construction of the Encanto Gas Holder Station began in 1953. The Station operated for forty years until it closed in 1995.

In September 2000, SDG&E, through its contractors began decommissioning the facility, which included the demolition of above ground structures and the removal of underground piping formerly used for natural gas storage. During these demolition activities, steel pipes buried below ground surface, were excavated. The pipes contained a fiberglass coating that covered several layers of internal coating material. One of the internal coating layers was a felt, or tarpaper like material, found to contain asbestos.

SDG&E recently signed a Voluntary Cleanup Agreement with the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to perform an investigation to determine whether or not any residual asbestos remains on the site. A risk assessment will be conducted to determine if residual levels of asbestos, if found, pose a risk to the surrounding community, and if so, what measures are necessary to reduce any such risks to safe levels. The results of these activities will be made available for public review in a local repository.

*The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption.
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Thank you for reviewing this letter and completing the questionnaire. If you have any questions regarding the site, please contact Dr. Jacalyn Spizman, DTSC's project manager for this study at (714) 484-5460. If you have any questions regarding public participation activities, please call me at (714) 484-5488 or e-mail me at lhernand@dtsc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure – Community Survey Questionnaire