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COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SITE INVESTIGATION ON THE FORMER FULLERTON MANUFACTURED GAS PLANT (MGP) SITE, 144 W. WALNUT AVENUE, FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA 92832

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 site investigation for the former Fullerton Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) site located at 144 W. Walnut Avenue, Fullerton, California, 92832. 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 cleanup. This survey letter contains brief information on the site's history, land use, current site activities and DTSC involvement. Please take a few minutes to read this letter, complete the community survey questionnaire and then mail it back to DTSC by April 24, 2002.

In the early 1900's, before natural gas became readily available, consumers used "manufactured gas" made from coal or oil for the purpose of heating, cooking and lighting. As part of gas manufacturing operations, some residues were generated, typically referred to as lampblack. Lampblack is a powdery or granular substance, similar to soot. This soot usually contains a group of organic compounds known as Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons, or PAHs, which may pose a risk to human health and the environment. In 1911, a predecessor of Southern California Gas Company (The Gas Company) purchased the gas plant site and converted it into a gas distribution station for gas manufactured at other plants. In 1923, the site was sold and by 1927, adjacent properties occupied the site with warehouses and light manufacturing buildings. Over time, portions of the buildings have been leased to various companies. Currently, the building is occupied with manufacturing, machining and distributor businesses.

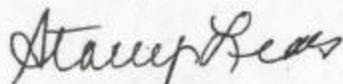
Previous on-site soil sampling results indicate the presence of lampblack is at low levels. However, the Gas Company has signed a Voluntary Cleanup Agreement with DTSC to further

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Web-site at www.dtsc.ca.gov.

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assess the site's condition and cleanup options. Reports that describe the analytical results, a risk assessment and a remedial action workplan will be made available for public review. Thank you for your assistance in completing the enclosed community survey questionnaire. If you have any questions regarding the site, please contact Ms. Rania Zabaneh, Project Manager (714) 484-5479. If you have any questions regarding public participation activities, please call me at (714) 484-5354 or my email address slear@dtsc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Stacey Lear
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Public Participation Unit

Enclosure – Community Survey Questionnaire

8) What languages are spoken in your community? _____

If you named a language besides English, do you feel that future communication to community members regarding this site should be written in this language? ___ YES ___ NO

9) Can you suggest any other person or groups that might be interested in receiving information about this site or the work proposed for it?

10) Please let us know of any other comments or questions.

—Mailing Coupon—

If you are interested in being added or taken off of the distribution list for mail related to the Former Fullerton Manufactured Gas Plant site, please fill in this mailing coupon and mail it to the address below.

- Please place me on the distribution list for future materials related to this gas plant.
- Please remove my name from the distribution list.

Name: _____

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Affiliation(s): _____

Please mail the questionnaire and mailing coupon to the following address:

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