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### COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATION, FORMER PPG INDUSTRIES, INC. COATINGS AND RESINS GROUP FACILITY

Dear Community Member:

We encourage you to complete and return the enclosed community survey designed to understand your concerns, plan future outreach activities and keep you informed about an environmental investigation at the Former PPG Industries, Inc. Coatings and Resins Group Facility (PPG), located at 465 Crenshaw Boulevard, Torrance, California. The Department of Toxic Substances Control is a branch of the California Environmental Protection Agency, whose goal is to protect human health and the environment, by overseeing investigations and cleanups. Your responses will help us understand your concerns, plan future community involvement opportunities, and keep you informed of future activities. **Please complete the enclosed community survey questionnaire and return it to DTSC by March 19, 2007.**

The 14.5-acre property has been vacant since approximately 2000. PPG formerly manufactured paint coating and resins at this facility. The facility was constructed in 1950, and operated from 1950 to 2000.

In 1999, manufacturing operations were scaled down (eventually to distribution only) to prepare for closure and demolition of the facility. One 2000-gallon underground storage tank (UST), used to store regular gasoline, was excavated and removed from the site in 1999. Demolition of the site began in January 2000, and the structures and fixtures were removed. In September 2000, under the supervision of the Los Angeles County Fire Department, approximately 5,000 tons of odorous soils were excavated and transported off-site for disposal. Demolition of the entire facility was completed in December 2000. The property is now vacant, with exposed soil at the surface.

The proposed cleanup plan will be available for public review and comment in the future and notification will be made in a future mailing.

If you have any questions regarding the site, please contact Johnson P. Abraham, Project Manager, at (714) 484-5476. If you have any questions regarding upcoming public participation activities, please call me at (714) 484-5474 or (866) 495-5651. You can also reach me via e-mail at [cmiller@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:cmiller@dtsc.ca.gov). Thank you for your assistance in completing the enclosed community survey questionnaire.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Miller  
Public Participation Specialist  
Public Participation Unit

Enclosure – Community Survey Questionnaire



State of California  
Department of Toxic Substances Control



Former PPG Industries, Inc.  
Environmental Investigation  
**COMMUNITY SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE**

*Please return this survey by March 19. You may also send us your survey responses by e-mail, to: [cmiller@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:cmiller@dtsc.ca.gov)*

- 1) Are you aware that an environmental investigation has been underway at the Former PPG Industries facility?

YES  NO

- 2) How long have you lived or worked in the area?

0-5 years  6-12 years  13-20 years  21 or more years

- 3) Do you have any specific concerns about the environmental investigations at this site? If so, please describe:

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- 4) What languages are spoken in your community?

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If you named a language besides English, do you feel that future communication to community members regarding this facility should be written in this language?

YES  NO

- 5) Are there any community groups who would be helpful in providing information to local residents? If so, who?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: survey responses received by the DTSC are public record and may be released if requested.*

(OVER)

6) What is the best way to communicate with your community?

- Fact Sheets (Newsletters)  
 Newspaper Public Notices      Which newspaper? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Radio Advertisements      Which radio station? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Community Meeting      Suggestions for location? \_\_\_\_\_

When is the best time?     Weekdays     Evenings     Lunchtime  
    Saturdays

If DTSC conducts follow-up interviews to this survey, would you like to participate? If so, please indicate here and include a phone number or e-mail address.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to participate.    Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ and/or e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

*If you would like to be \_\_\_ added to or \_\_\_ removed from this mailing list, please complete the Mailing Coupon below.*

**Mailing Coupon**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail (optional): \_\_\_\_\_