







## Department of Toxic Substances Control

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October 1, 2007

Mr. Doug Mosteller Cherokee Simeon Venture I. LLC 4600 S. Ulster Street. Suite 500 Denver, Colorado 80237

Dear Mr. Mosteller:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received the Technical Memorandum: Background Concentrations of Arsenic in Soil at Campus Bay, dated July 23, 2007 and prepared by Erler & Kalinowski, Inc. The report presents an analysis of background arsenic concentrations in soil at the Zeneca/Former Stauffer Chemical Site located in Richmond, California. DTSC's Human and Ecological Risk Division (HERD) has reviewed the memorandum and is in agreement with the methods and evaluation of the data. Based on HERD's review, DTSC agrees with the recommendation of 16 mg/kg arsenic as a good estimator (95% upper tolerance limit on the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile of the first data cluster) of the upper range of the ambient distribution of arsenic at this site.

If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Nakashima of my staff at (510) 540-3839.

Sincerely,

Barbara J. Cook, P.E., Chief

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