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APPROVAL OF CORPORATION YARD: EAST MEADOW AND BUILDING 120 AREA,
REVISED LETTER, RICHMOND FIELD STATION, RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA (SITE CODE
201605)

Dear Ms. Bihler:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control has reviewed the Corporation Yard: East Meadow and Building 120 Area, Revised Letter (Letter), dated January 19, 2023, for the Richmond Field Station Site (Site), located in Richmond, California. The Letter proposes additional sampling for polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in the East Meadow area of the Corporation Yard. Samples from six decision units (DU18 through DU23) will be collected using an incremental sampling methodology (ISM). The ISM protocols will be consistent with all previously approved ISM protocols within the Corporation Yard.

The Building 120 Area is currently secured with fencing with PCB warning signage placed around the area. The Building 120 Area is currently proposed for excavation as part of the adjacent Campus Bay development, and University of California, Berkeley (UC Berkeley) proposes consolidation of removal of the residual PCB contamination with the redevelopment excavation activities. UC Berkeley proposes removing the surficial soil at DU7 to a depth of 1.5 feet below ground surface to remove the highest concentrations of PCB-contaminated soils in Spring 2023. We understand that a specific schedule has not been established for the redevelopment led by Campus Bay, but the fencing will help ensure no exposure to workers or visitors on site. Richmond Field Station staff will not be permitted to enter the secured area unless they are Occupational Safety and Health Administration Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response-trained and aware of elevated PCB levels in the area.

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The revised Letter incorporates comments from a phone discussion on December 21, 2022 with United States Environmental Protection Agency and UC Berkeley. Written comments provided by DTSC on November 10, 2022, on a previous draft of the Notification, dated August 24, 2022, have also been incorporated.

DTSC has no additional comments and hereby approves the Letter.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (510) 540-3881 or via email at Nicole.Yuen@dtsc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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