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LEAD CONTAMINATED SOIL VARIANCE MODIFICATION, CALTRANS DISTRICT 7

Dear Mr. Failing:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) issued a lead contaminated soil variance (variance number 00-H-VAR-03) to Caltrans, District 7 on September 22, 2000. The variance allows Caltrans to manage and dispose onsite aerially contaminated lead soils during roadway construction. The variance is scheduled to expire on September 22, 2005. Once this variance expires, Caltrans will no longer be able to manage and dispose applicable lead contaminated soil onsite.

Currently, DTSC is working with Caltrans Headquarters to renew this variance. It is our understanding that your district will be pursuing the variance renewal along with your Headquarters office. DTSC is currently negotiating additional variance requirements/conditions with Caltrans Headquarters. Due to this negotiation, it is uncertain at this point whether DTSC will be able to complete the variance determination before the current variance expiration date of September 22, 2005. DTSC understands that while work toward the variance renewal continues, Caltrans still has construction projects that will require the use of this variance. Therefore, DTSC is modifying the variance 00-H-VAR-03 to extend the expiration date to June 30, 2006 to allow Caltrans to use the variance while the variance renewal processing is completed. Please note, this variance expiration extension is granted with the expectation that good faith effort is shown by Caltrans to proceed with the variance renewal. DTSC has the authority to revoke a variance at any time.

This letter formally modifies the variance 00-H-VAR-03 issued to District 7 and shall be attached as addendum to the existing variance.

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If you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Michael Choe of my staff at (916) 322-5308.

Sincerely,

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