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RESPONSE TO COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN - PHASE I  
(RAP) FOR THE FORMER ATHENS TANK FARM, WILLOWBROOK, LOS ANGELES  
COUNTY, CALIFORNIA 90059

Dear Dr. Ayalew:

On February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board), Los Angeles Region approved the document titled Remedial Action Plan - Phase I (RAP) for the former Athens Tank Farm (ATF), prepared by Kleinfelder West, Inc., (Kleinfelder) on behalf of ExxonMobil Environmental Services Company. The RAP focuses on soil and soil vapor conditions with the specific objective of mitigating methane and petroleum hydrocarbon volatile organic compounds (VOCs), including benzene, present in soil beneath the former Athens Tank Farm as well as to reduce the potential for migration to off-site residences. The additional objective of the RAP is to propose the most appropriate remedial technology that will allow incorporation of the results of the ongoing off-site investigations and pilot testing.

On November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and the Regional Board invited the public to attend an Open House/Community Meeting to discuss community questions and concerns regarding the former Athens Tank Farm site, and to receive public comments. The 30-day Public Comment Period started on October 25<sup>th</sup> and ended on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012. During this time the public was requested to forward their comments to your attention. The draft Phase 1 RAP, CEQA Initial Study and draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and other related project documents were available for review at several public locations.

Public comments were received both during the Community Meeting, and were forwarded directly to you. The attached Response to Comments document includes answers to the questions and concerns raised during both the Community Meeting and those received during the Public Comment Period. Additionally, the Regional Board,

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DTSC, and the County of Los Angeles collaborated to provide additional clarification to some of the questions raised by the community during the Community Meeting.

Thank you for time and effort, and your responsiveness to public concerns regarding the former Athens Tank Farm. If you have any questions, please contact me at (714) 484-5489 or via e-mail: [mtasnif@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:mtasnif@dtsc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Response to Comments on the Draft Remedial Action Plan - Phase I (RAP)  
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