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APPROVAL OF FINAL REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN, ASCON LANDFILL SITE, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA

Dear Ms. Zeier:

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) hereby approves the Final Remedial Action Plan (RAP) dated June 9, 2015 for the Ascon Landfill Site ("Site") submitted by Project Navigator, Ltd. The RAP was prepared in accordance with DTSC's "Expedited Remedial Action Program Final Policies and Procedures," dated April 24, 2001.

The RAP evaluated six remedial alternatives: no action, limited waste removal, protective cap, partial source removal with protective cap, source removal with off-site disposal and slurry injection technology, and source removal with off-site disposal. The partial source removal with protective cap alternative was proposed by DTSC as the remedy for the site in a draft RAP. This action consists of removal and off-site disposal of Pit F waste, moving waste materials found near the streets in the City of Huntington Beach parcel to within the Site property boundaries, keeping the remainder of the material in lagoons that would remain on-site, holding material in Lagoons 4 and 5 in place using cement mixed into the lagoon material to form an internal buttress, and a protective cap to be built over the remaining Site materials to protect human health and the environment. Long-term groundwater monitoring and cap maintenance would be performed. This remedy was presented as the project in an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

The RAP and the EIR were released for public review on August 29, 2013, and a public meeting was held on September 12, 2013. As a result of the public comments to the EIR, DTSC determined that a re-circulated draft EIR was necessary to consider the inclusion of an additional truck haul route to address the short-term traffic impacts analyzed in the first EIR. The revised operational traffic characteristics and resulting changes to the traffic and noise impacts analyzed in the first EIR were presented in the re-circulated EIR. This document was released for public review on October 6, 2014, and a public meeting was held on November 6, 2014.

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Based on its review of the public comments, responses to those comments, and the environmental review conducted pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, DTSC has determined that all comments have been adequately addressed. The EIR was certified on June 18, 2015. DTSC will file a Notice of Determination with the Office of Planning and Research and the State Clearinghouse within five (5) days of the date of this letter stating that DTSC has approved the RAP and certified the Final EIR. The next step in the process is submittal of the detailed engineering drawings before implementation of the RAP.

If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact Project Manager, Mr. Safouh Sayed at (714) 484-5478 or safouh.sayed@dtsc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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