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Dear Commentor,

This letter is being sent to you because you provided comments regarding a Response Plan for the Runkle Canyon project submitted to DTSC in December 2008. The Response Plan was prepared by Runkle Canyon LLC in response to a DTSC letter dated October 2008. The Response to Comments document was posted on our EnviroStor website in August; however, through an oversight on our part, we failed to send the responses directly to the commentors. We sincerely apologize for this oversight. The Response to Comments should have been sent directly to you at the same time that the letter containing DTSC's comments on the Runkle Canyon Response Plan was sent to KB Home. We will make every effort to prevent delays in responding to you in the future. The DTSC Response to Comments is included in this letter as Attachment 1.

DTSC appreciates your effort and time to review and provide comments on the Response Plan. DTSC received a significant number of oral and written comments during the public comment period for the Response Plan. Some comments also addressed the documents that were prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). DTSC reviewed all of the comments and, rather than repeat each that were substantially similar, attempted to summarize the key elements of the comments into the attached Response to Comments. This approach was not intended to dismiss or to diminish the importance of any of the comments provided, but was done solely to organize the comments into key themes to make the responses more understandable.

DTSC directed Runkle Canyon LLC to conduct additional sampling at the Runkle Canyon property and conditionally approved the excavation of the tar material. DTSC's letter does not include any determination regarding the suitability of the site for development. Field sampling for additional characterization of Strontium and Cesium levels was conducted in July with DTSC oversight. DTSC anticipates that an investigation report will be available for public comment in October, 2010. DTSC will post the investigation report on the DTSC EnviroStor website (https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=60000899) when the report becomes available.

Field work to remove tar material within the Runkle Canyon drainage was conducted during the first week of September. Laboratory results of soil samples collected to ensure that no residual contamination from the tar is present in the soil are pending. Once we receive these results, we will be able to determine if the tar removal has been completed.

If you have any questions regarding the site or the Response to Comments, please contact either myself or Mr. John Naginis (Sr. Engineering Geologist) at 818.717.6626.

Sincerely,

Mark Malinowski