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Dear Community Member:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of an environmental cleanup project in your area and invite you to participate in the enclosed community survey. The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is one of the regulatory agencies overseeing the environmental investigation and cleanup activities at the Brisbane Baylands located at Geneva Avenue and Bayshore Boulevard in Brisbane, CA 94005 (Site).

The 35-acre Site is a portion of the 650-acre Brisbane Baylands, which is currently owned by Universal Paragon Corporation (UPC). UPC is proposing to redevelop the Site for mixed uses, including housing in some areas. To help organize investigation and cleanup, the Brisbane Baylands were divided into operable units (OUs); see figure on back page. Prior to 2008, the Site (green area) was known as OU-1, after which it was redefined to OU-San Mateo (OU-SM). The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) provides oversight for the investigation and cleanup activities at OU-2 (pink area) and Brisbane Landfill (blue area).

The Site occupies the northern portion of the former Southern Pacific Brisbane property. Southern Pacific acquired the Site in 1896 and filled the bay for use as a railroad switching yard. From 1914 to 1960, the Site was used for railcar maintenance and repair. The Site has not been used since then, with only building foundations remaining. Environmental investigations conducted from 1984 through 2018 found metals, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) in soil and groundwater. The City of Brisbane receives its water from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

We are currently reviewing a draft Feasibility Study/Remedial Action Plan (FS/RAP) to remediate (cleanup and manage) these contaminants. After we complete the review, you will receive a Community Update that provides a summary of the proposed remediation activities and announces the comment period and public meeting for the draft FS/RAP. Your response to this survey will help us determine the level of community interest in the process. Please return the survey by **January 17, 2020**.

Sincerely,

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Figure 1 – Brisbane Baylands Area Map

Community Survey

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated resources, enforcing hazardous waste laws, reducing hazardous waste generation, and encouraging the manufacture of chemically safer products.

Southern Pacific Brisbane (UPC OU-SM) Site Geneva Avenue and Bayshore Boulevard, Brisbane, CA 94005

Please return in the enclosed envelope by **January 17, 2020** to Asha Setty, Public Participation Specialist.

1. How much do you know about this site?

- I do not know anything about this site.
- I have heard about this site but have little or no information on it.
- I know a lot about this site.

2. How interested are you in learning about this site?

- I do not know anything about this site and cannot tell you if I am interested or not.
- I have no interest and don't really want to receive additional information about this site.
- I have some interest, and would like to hear or read more about this site.
- I am very interested. I would read information mailed to me and talk to people about this site.

3. Would you like to attend meetings regarding this site?

- I would not attend a meeting.
- I might attend a meeting if it was convenient for me.
- I would attend a meeting.

4. In what language would you like to receive information about this site?

- English
- Spanish
- Chinese
- Other _____

5. How would you prefer to receive information about this site?

- By mail
- Email (List email address) _____
- By newspaper (What newspaper do you read?) _____
- By radio (What radio station do you listen to?) _____
- Community meetings (When is the best time for you to attend?) _____
 - During the day
 - In the evening
 - Weekends



6. We sometimes need to talk with community members to learn more about the site. Would you be willing to talk with us?

- No
- Yes → Please provide your contact information:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

7. Are there any groups or individuals that you would suggest we contact?

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Please feel free to add any other comments you may have about the site or about the public participation process.

We appreciate the time you have taken to complete this survey. If you have questions or concerns regarding the community survey or the site, please contact us.

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