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Mr. Walter R. Pierce Western Forge & Flange 687 County Road 2201 Cleveland, Texas 77328

Subject: Public Participation Strategy

Western Forge & Flange 540 Cleveland Avenue Albany, California

Dear Mr. Pierce:

Ninyo & Moore has prepared this Public Participation Strategy for the former Western Forge & Flange facility located at 540 Cleveland Avenue in Albany, California. This Public Participation Strategy and has been prepared to address a request from Alameda County Environmental Health received in an e-mail dated August 19, 2013.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you on this project.

Sincerely,

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To:

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Re:

Perjury Statement

Public Participation Strategy Western Forge & Flange 540 Cleveland Avenue Albany, California 94706

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the information or recommendations contained in the attached report are true or correct to the best of my knowledge.

Walter R. Pierce

President and CEO

Western Forge & Flange Company

1. INTRODUCTION

Ninyo & Moore has prepared this Public Participation Strategy for the former Western Forge & Flange facility located at 540 Cleveland Avenue in Albany, California (site). This Public Participation Strategy and has been prepared to address a request from Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) received in an e-mail dated August 19, 2013.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION CATEGORY

Based on the guidelines of the Regional Water Quality Control Boards (RWQCB) document titled *Public Participation at Cleanup Sites*, dated April 5, 2005, the site falls within the Category 1 classification for public participation requirements. Category 1 classification is appropriate for typical sites and requires modest public participation. The site is classified as Category 1 because the soil and groundwater contamination does not pose an immediate threat to human health, water quality, or ecological receptors, and because soil and groundwater contamination is not known to extend off-site with the exception of relatively minor impacts in groundwater which may extend beneath the western adjacent railroad tracks and 580 Freeway. Additionally, little or no public interest in the site cleanup is anticipated.

3. PROPOSED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ACTIVITIES

The proposed public participation activities to be performed prior to site cleanup activities includes the distribution of a Fact Sheet to the owners and occupants of neighboring properties within a 200 foot radius of the site, and performing a 30-day public review and comment period for the proposed site cleanup plan, in accordance with RWQCB guidelines. The Fact Sheet will provide information to recipients regarding the planned site cleanup activities, and will inform the recipients of the 30-day public review and comment period for the proposed site cleanup plan, including information on where copies of the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) and CAP Addendum can be obtained for review, and how public comments may be submitted. Public comments received during the 30-day public review period will be addressed prior to implementation of site cleanup activities.



ACEH requested that the radius of distribution for the Fact Sheet account for the potential for metals laden dust to be generated at the site, and impacts from additional truck traffic. The extent of soil on site which is impacted with elevated concentrations of metals is limited, and based on the concentrations and types of metals detected in soil on site, visual monitoring for fugitive dust is considered an appropriate measure to protect site workers and the surrounding public from potential exposure to metals laden dust. Because visual dust monitoring and dust control activities will minimize the generation of fugitive dust, the likelihood that receptors located more than 200 feet away from the site would be affected by dust generated on site is minimal. Additionally, trucks hauling materials to and from the site will only drive a short distance (less than half a mile) through the commercial/industrial area located off Cleveland/Jacuzzi Avenue while traveling to and from the I-80 and I-580 Freeway entrances/exits located on Central Avenue. Based on the information discussed above, the potential for metals laden dust to be generated at the site and impacts from additional truck traffic should not affect the proposed Fact Sheet distribution radius of 200 feet from the site.