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Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Proposed Northrop Grumman Lab Expansion Project

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) staff appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The following comments are meant as guidance for the Lead Agency and should be incorporated into the Final MND.

SCAQMD Staff's Summary of Project Description

The Lead Agency proposes to construct six separate additions totaling approximately 150,500 square feet (five laboratory buildings and lobby) to the existing M1 and M2 laboratory buildings on 13 acres within the 107-acre Northrop Grumman's Space Park campus (Proposed Project). The proposed building additions would include new manufacturing and test bays with new offices, labs, and control rooms. Approximately 3,525 square feet of M1 and M2 Buildings will be demolished.

SCAQMD Rules and Permit

Since the Proposed Project would involve demolition, SCAQMD staff recommends that the Lead Agency include a discussion in the Final MND to demonstrate compliance with SCAQMD Rule 1403 – Asbestos Emissions from Demolition/Renovation Activities. Additionally, since the Proposed Project would include new manufacturing and test bays to renovate and modernize an existing aerospace laboratory, SCAQMD Rule 1124, Aerospace Assembly and Manufacturing Operations, may be relevant and applicable to the operation of the Proposed Project. In such case, the Lead Agency should include a discussion in the Final MND to demonstrate compliance with SCAQMD Rule 1124. In the event that the Proposed Project requires a permit from SCAQMD, SCAQMD should be identified as a Responsible Agency for the Proposed Project in the Final MND. For more information on permits, please visit SCAQMD webpage at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/permits>. Questions on permits can be directed to SCAQMD's Engineering and Permitting staff at (909) 396-3385.

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15074, prior to approving the Proposed Project, the Lead Agency shall consider the MND for adoption together with any comments received during the public review process. SCAQMD staff is available to work with the Lead Agency to address any air quality questions that may arise from this comment letter. Please contact me at lsun@aqmd.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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