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Re: Work Notice: Offsite Environmental Assessment for Former Alcoa TRE Westlock Facility Project (Proposed Project)

South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) staff appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the above-mentioned notice. According to the notice, the Offsite Environmental Assessment prepared by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board to address soil contaminated with the presents Volatile Organic Compound (VOCs), perchloroethylene (PCE), trichloroethene (TCE), were present above regulatory levels in deep groundwater below the Site.

Because PCE and TCE are among the applicable toxic air contaminants listed in South Coast AQMD Rule 1166¹ – Volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and Rule 1171²- Solvent Cleaning Operations (semi-volatile organic compounds) it should be evaluated to determine applicability to the proposed soil movement activities in the Final Offsite Environmental Assessment.

We appreciate the opportunity to review the Proposed Project. Thank you for considering these comments. South Coast AQMD staff is available to work with the Lead Agency to address any air quality questions that may arise from this comment letter. Please contact Sam Wang, Program Supervisor, at swang1@aqmd.gov and Sahar Ghadimi, Air Quality Specialist, at sghadimi@aqmd.gov should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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¹ South Coast AQMD. Rule 1166. Accessed at: http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/reg-xi/rule-1166.pdf.

² South Coast AQMD. Rule 1171. Accessed at: https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/reg-xi/rule-1171.pdf?sfvrsn=4