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HACLA Welcomes Positive Announcement of No Further Action From DTSC

The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) announced today that the California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has concluded that after reviewing reports detailing the analysis of metals in soil as well as soil vapor sampling within the existing Jordan Downs residential site, no further action is necessary. Copies of DTSC's letters could be accessed on its Envirostor web site: http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=60001326

Surface soil sampling for metals and subsurface soil vapor testing were conducted at the Jordan Downs public housing property to determine whether any residents are at risk from exposure to metals or vapors within the soil at Jordan Downs. With DTSC's oversight, a professional environmental consulting firm conducted independent tests and concluded that Jordan Downs and its residents are not negatively impacted and that surface soil and underground vapor samples are consistent with those in urban areas of Los Angeles.

HACLA is currently implementing a DTSC-approved Interim Remedial Action Plan to clean up the former factory site adjacent to Jordan Downs.

"We are delighted that after testing of environmental conditions and analysis at Jordan Downs, DTSC has advised us that no further analysis at Jordan Downs is necessary," said Douglas Guthrie, President and CEO of HACLA. "The health and well-being of our residents at Jordan Downs and throughout our developments across the City of Los Angeles is a priority for HACLA and we are committed to ensuring that families and children at public housing developments prosper in environmentally safe communities."

In 2008, HACLA acquired a 21-acre factory site adjacent to Jordan Downs which was previously used for industrial purposes. HACLA voluntarily entered into an agreement with DTSC in July 2010 to remediate this site. During the public review and comment period for the draft Remedial Action Plan, which commenced in August 2013 and was extended for several months, individuals questioned the possibility of contamination at the Jordan Downs residential units. Therefore, in July 2014, testing of surface soils for metals and subsurface soil vapor were conducted at Jordan Downs. Based on soil and subsurface vapor results, DTSC agrees that no further action is necessary. HACLA will continue to move forward with the DTSC-approved Interim Remedial Action Plan for the former factory site.



ABOUT HACLA

The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) is a state-chartered public agency. It provides the largest stock of affordable housing in Los Angeles and is one of the nation's leading public housing authorities. It is also one of the oldest, providing quality housing options and supportive services to the citizens of Los Angeles since 1938. HACLA's annual budget is more than \$ 1 billion.

