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Elizabeth Patterson, Mayor
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Dear Mayor Patterson:

FORMER BENICIA ARSENAL, BENICIA CALIFORNIA (ARSENAL)

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) have been in discussion regarding the investigation and cleanup of the former Arsenal, a formerly used defense site, for several years. DTSC believes that additional investigation and possibly remediation must be performed on the site.

USACE has stopped work on the site and has designated the former Arsenal a potential responsible party (PRP) project pursuant to the USACE Engineer Regulation No. 200-3-1, *Environmental Quality, FUDS Program Policy*, May 10, 2004. This means that USACE may now attempt to negotiate financial settlements with PRPs, so that the PRPs conduct any necessary remaining investigation and cleanup. Further, we understand from conversations with USACE staff, that USACE believes it has completed all required investigation and remediation on the site.

The City of Benicia owns property where hazardous substances exist or may exist and therefore the City of Benicia must be involved as an integral part of the investigation and cleanup.

A meeting has been scheduled for September 30, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. and will be held at the Commanding Officer's Quarters located at #1 Commandant's Lane in Benicia. We are requesting that USACE, the City of Benicia and certain specified additional landowners attend this meeting.

DTSC's intent is to find a mutually agreeable path forward to complete the investigation and cleanup.

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If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact me at 916-255-3582 or Daniel T. Ward at 916-255-3676.

Sincerely,



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