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Re: Tri-Valley CAREs' Comment on the Draft Five-Year Review Report for the Building 832 Canyon Operable Unit

This comment follows on, and adds to, the May 17, 2016 DTSC letter – comment #3.

DTSC wrote: Page 20, Land and Resource Use, Third Paragraph – The text says there are plans to develop the land parcel east of Site 300 for residential housing, but thus far the development has been delayed by the city restricted growth initiatives. As part of this development plan, a minimum buffer zone/open space of 1 to 1.5 miles is planned between residential development and the Site 300 boundary.

DTSC then offered its question and concern noting its mission to protect California's people from the harmful effects of toxic substances.

Tri-Valley CAREs notes the following information and requests that the final document be changed to better reflect the current status of the proposed development and the changed proximity of members of the public to Site 300 that may accompany the development.

The City of Tracy recently certified the Environmental Impact Report for this development and gave its approval for the 5,500 home Tracy Hills project.

In response to questions, the developers for the Tracy Hills project made it clear that the planned, approximately 1-mile "buffer zone" will be free of homes, but not necessarily free of people.

It is expected that residents, potentially including pregnant women, young children and the elderly, will utilize all or some of the "buffer zone" between the houses and the Site 300 boundary for walking, jogging, picnics and other recreational uses. Thus the overall project could place significant numbers of "sensitive receptors" much closer to Site 300 than previously considered.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit comments.

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