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**RE: PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTIVE FOR MEASURE TO MITIGATE THE HYPERION WATER RECLAMATION PLANT SEWAGE SPILL**

Dear Ms. Romero:

On July 23, 2021, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health (“Public Health”) issued a directive to the Los Angeles Sanitation and Environment Bureau (“Bureau”) in response to the public nuisance created by the unfortunate sewage spill from the Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant (“Hyperion”). The directive required your office to, by July 28, 2021, provide Public Health with a description of necessary actions to be taken by the Bureau to quickly abate the odor nuisance, and the assistance being provided to persons who have been negatively impacted by the July 11, 2021 incident. See attached.

To date, Public Health has not received any report from the Bureau on its nuisance abatement and health assistance actions for residents. Public Health is requesting a response by Monday, August 2, 2021.

Public Health continues to monitor both the conditions of the impacted ocean water and the odors in the surrounding neighborhoods. Public Health is incurring internal costs for daily ocean water testing, odor monitoring, and neighborhood outreach efforts. We share Hyperion’s goal that all repairs to the plant be completed as soon as possible. Please reach out to me directly at (626)430-5374, if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Liza Frias, REHS  
Director, Environmental Health

Attachment