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**Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board**

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT  
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
FOR  
REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN – PHASE 1 AT  
FORMER ATHENS TANK FARM  
WILLOWBROOK, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
(File No. 12-103)**

This Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as provided for in Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq. and California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15000 et seq. for the project that is described in the attached Initial Study and briefly described as follows:

**Project Title:** Remedial Action Plan – Phase I, Former Athens Tank Farm, Willowbrook, County of Los Angeles, California

**Project Sponsor:** ExxonMobil Environmental Services Company  
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**Project Description:** The *Initial Study* provides a detailed description of the project. Briefly, the proposed project involves excavation and removal of lead and arsenic impacted shallow soils to a depth of 10 feet below grade surface (bgs) and soil vapor extraction (SVE) to mitigate methane and petroleum hydrocarbon volatile organic compounds (VOCs), including benzene, present in shallow soil vapors at the Former Athens Tank Farm, Willowbrook, County of Los Angeles, California (Site). The Remedial Action Plan - Phase I (RAP) proposes SVE as remedial technology to be implemented in a two phase approach. The Phase I SVE system is proposed to expedite remediation and actively remove or reduce wastes in shallow soil vapors at the south and southeast perimeter of the Site, reduce the potential for off-site migration of subsurface soil vapors, provide valuable field data that will be applied to the second phase of SVE work (Phase II), and to begin to address subsurface soil vapors in adjacent off-site areas. The Phase II SVE system will be designed based on results observed during SVE Phase I implementation, ongoing off-Site investigations, groundwater investigations, and consultation with the Regional Board. The RAP also proposes excavation and removal of lead and arsenic impacted shallow soils from a minimum of nine locations and disposal at an appropriately licensed facility.

**Project Location:** The project is located in Willowbrook, an unincorporated area within the County of Los Angeles, California. The former Athens Tank Farm (Site) area encompasses the Earvin Magic Johnson Regional Park (EMJRP), the Ujima Village Apartment complex (UVA), and the Ujima Housing Corporation (UHC) properties. The Site is bounded by Avalon Boulevard and a single-family residential development on the west, El Segundo Boulevard on the south, 120th Street on the north, and Clovis Avenue and a single-family residential development on the east.

**MITIGATION MEASURES:**

The *Initial Study* identified potentially significant impacts regarding noise. The Regional Board identified and will include in the project approval mitigation measures that will reduce those impacts to less than significant and will also require mitigation monitoring. The project as proposed by the Project Sponsor, including an addendum regarding air quality, includes measures designed to avoid or reduce all other potential impacts to the environment. Therefore, a *Mitigated Negative Declaration* is prepared.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT:**

Based on the analysis and conclusions found in the attached Initial Study, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board finds that there is no substantial evidence, in light of the whole record before the agency, that the project as proposed may have a significant effect on the environment.

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Date

Attachment: Initial Study