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Chief

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Dear ATSDR Official:

Thank you for giving DSCSOC an opportunity to comment on ATSDR's Public Health Assessment for the LEHR Superfund site. DSCSOC is the US EPA TAG group for the Davis Community and has worked with ATSDR officials on its LEHR site assessment. DSCSOC appreciates the cooperation ATSDR officials have shown our group and we wish to complement and express our appreciation to Wayne Henry, Burt Cooper, Ruby Palmer and former ATSDR official Bill Taylor for their work at the site.

DSCSOC's Technical Advisor, Dr. G. Fred Lee, has reviewed ATSDR's Public Health Assessment document on behalf of DSCSOC and has provided us with his comments. I submit his comments on behalf of DSCSOC.

DSCSOC is disappointed that the health survey that was to be conducted as part of ATSDR's Public Health Assessment was not conducted. Former LEHR site employees complained to DSCSOC that they have chronic illness that they believe are related to their work at the site. They requested that a study be conducted on the health issues related working at the site as part of the LEHR site investigation. ATSDR had promised to conduct a health survey of the LEHR site community but cancelled the contract with the independent firm that was to conduct the survey without notice to DSCSOC. DSCSOC believes the health survey was to be the most important portion of ATSDR's Public Health Assessment and the assessment document will not

be complete without it. DSCSOC request that the health survey be included in ATSDR's final Public Health Assessment document. DSCSOC offers its assistance to ATSDR in working with the LEHR site community to conduct the health survey.

If you have any questions regarding Dr. Lee's comments, he asks that you contact him. If you need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Julie Roth
Executive Director