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RE: Imperial County Fire Department's Application to Become a Certified Unified Program Agency and Appeal of the Notice of Intent to Deny

Dear Chief Estrada:

Imperial County Fire Department's (ICDF) application to become a Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) and your appeal of the Notice of Intent to disapprove that application were reviewed in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

On July 17, 2019, the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) conducted a public hearing to provide ICDF an opportunity to respond to the April 3, 2019, Notice of Intent to disapprove the application. After considering the information submitted by and on behalf of ICDF, CalEPA staff found that unresolved issues remain, (see attached Staff Report). Because sufficient evidence was not presented to justify reversal of the Notice of Intent to disapprove, ICDF's application is not approved.

While the applicable laws and regulations do not provide authority to decertify DTSC while it is in good standing, I am directing DTSC to work with you develop a Participating Agency agreement to implement the Hazardous Material Business Plan element by December 31, 2019. A Participating Agency arrangement represents an opportunity for ICDF to demonstrate its commitment and capacity to effectively implement the Unified Program.

Thank you for meeting with me earlier in the year and for you and your team's commitment to environmental protection.

Sincerely,

Jared Blumenfeld
Secretary for Environmental Protection

Enclosures

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