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Dear members of the Community Advisory Panel (CAP):

The Department of Public Health appreciates the ongoing partnership and thoughtful discussions over the past several months with the CAP regarding the next *Health Assessment and Environmental Justice Study* pursuant to Section Five of the Baldwin Hills Community Standards District (CSD) Settlement Agreement. DPH remains committed to collaborating with the CAP, and other experts and stakeholders, evaluate community health risks. The following is a brief summary of DPH's activities and upcoming plans for the health assessment.

In preparation for the health assessment, DPH staff have attended monthly CAP meetings, several health working group meetings, and met bi-monthly with the working group's chair Jacqueline Illum, from Community Health Councils (CHC). In addition, DPH has collaborated with CHC on a brief survey of CAP members to prioritize concerns; reviewed recently published literature and research methodologies; and interfaced with the City of Los Angeles Petroleum Administrator regarding existing data on local oil and gas operations.

In addition, DPH advocated for and provided information to California Air Resources Board (CARB) that led to the selection of the Inglewood Oil Field communities as a candidate for their Study of Neighborhood Air near Petroleum Sources (SNAPS). The goal of CARB SNAPS is to characterize air quality in communities near oil and gas operations using monitors in selected communities for several months to assess air levels of toxic air contaminants, volatile organic compounds, particulate matter, metals, and criteria air pollutants.

DPH will incorporate results of CARB SNAPS into the upcoming health assessment, including a community health-based analysis of ongoing comprehensive air quality monitoring, bridging gaps in environmental data, and evaluating community health risks based on potential exposures related to field operations. CARB anticipates beginning SNAPS in the Inglewood communities by Fall 2019. DPH will correspondingly adjust the timeline for the health assessment to accommodate CARB SNAPS and will collaborate with CARB throughout the process.

In anticipation of CARB SNAPS air monitoring efforts, DPH will continue to work with the CAP and the health working group to develop an assessment of community health risk that will provide reliable and useful information for the communities near the Inglewood Oil Field. This will include exploring the feasibility of an odor survey, targeted surveys with community members, and other community-based participatory approaches to evaluate health in the communities surrounding the Inglewood Oil Field. Thank you for your continued partnership to protect the health of those who reside or work near the Inglewood Oil Field.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cyrus Rangan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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