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Subject: EPA Comments on State Route 58 (SR-58) Kramer Junction Expressway Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (CEQ # 20140195)

Dear Mr. Heidelberg:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Final EIS for the State Route 58 pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and our NEPA review authority under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

Following EPA review of the DEIS, we rated the proposed project as a Lack of Objections (LO) and offered recommendations for project improvement related to impacts to sensitive receptors and hazardous material management. We recognize that regional air quality impacts are not anticipated to be significant; however, we continue to encourage Caltrans to implement measures to reduce localized health impacts to sensitive receptors in Boron due to forecasted increases in total weekday truck traffic by 29% and 124%, for opening and horizon years, compared to existing conditions on SR-58.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the FEIS. When the ROD is published for public review, please send a copy to the address above (mail code: ENF-4-2). If you have any questions, please contact Zac Appleton, the lead reviewer for this project (415-972-3321 or appleton.zac@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

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