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Subject: UCI involvement in the public nuisance at All American Asphalt plant in Irvine

Dear Director Sandoval:

We send this letter to make you aware of a public nuisance problem related to an asphalt manufacturing plant within the City of Irvine and to inquire about the nature of the University's involvement.

Over the last year, the City of Irvine and the Southern California Air Quality Management District (AQMD) have received numerous complaints about odors and potentially harmful emissions emanating for the All American Asphalt plant located at 10671 Jeffrey Road in Irvine. AQMD is the state agency designated with oversight of fixed source emissions such as those at the All American Plant. AQMD has issued several notices of violation to the plant and is conducting air sampling to evaluate emissions and potential health risks. The City is also taking significant actions to protect residents including air sampling on site at the plant and nearby locations, conducting an audit of plant operations, and filing a lawsuit against All American Asphalt on behalf of residents to remedy the public nuisance conditions. More information regarding the public nuisance and the City's efforts on behalf of residents is available on the City's website at [www.cityofirvine.org/community-development/all-american-asphalt-update](http://www.cityofirvine.org/community-development/all-american-asphalt-update)

It has come to our attention that members of the UCI faculty and staff community have been engaged by Irvine residents to assist in efforts to evaluate plant emissions and potential health impacts. We are interested in learning more about the activities of the University and its employees in this regard. Specifically, is the engagement of UCI personnel and the work being performed related to the plant sponsored or endorsed by the University? Further, will the University's efforts and/or the results of these efforts be publicly available?

The City is working through AQMD, the relevant air quality authority designated by the State of California, to pursue proper oversight and enforcement at the plant. The City is also conducting air tests around the plant, at the request of our residents. We believe that


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the work being done by UCI personnel is similarly focused on gathering information and protecting public health. To ensure proper coordination of our respective efforts, please help us understand the nature of the engagement with UCI and the public accessibility of the information being gathered and the work being performed. We would appreciate a response back as soon as possible.

Sincerely,


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