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ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATION AT THE FORMER ATHENS TANK FARM (UJIMA VILLAGE, EARVIN MAGIC JOHNSON REGIONAL PARK)

Dear Members of the Community:

The purpose of this letter is to keep you informed of the ongoing environmental investigation at the former Athens Tank Farm site (also known as Ujima Village and Earvin Magic Johnson Regional Park) and the residential areas to the east and south of the park.

Importantly, so far the investigation results on the site and in the surrounding neighborhood have found **no evidence of an immediate public health concern** from conditions in the soil or soil vapor. However, the results do show levels of contamination that require further investigation. Work is continuing at the park and in your neighborhood to ensure a complete and thorough evaluation and full protection of human health and the environment.

Under the direction of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) and the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), ExxonMobil has been conducting environmental investigation work at the site since it was first informed of contamination concerns in 2007. For your reference, a file of all investigation activities and results to date are available at the Regional Board office (by appointment) and the AC Bilbrew Library, located at 150 E. El Segundo Blvd. The reports and data can also be viewed online at:

<http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/search.asp>

Search "Athens Tank Farm" under site/facility name.

Recently, some concerns have been raised about the investigation concerning hexane and methane, as well as whether there are impacts at Honey's Little Angels Day Care, located adjacent to the former Ujima Village apartments. To address those concerns:

Hexane: To date, hexane concentrations in indoor air, outdoor air, crawl space air, and soil vapor have been found to be lower than the health-based screening level calculated using methods published by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control.

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Methane: Methane has been detected, but it is also below the screening levels established by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control. Additionally, the County of Los Angeles Fire Department Health Hazardous Materials Division (HHMD) conducted an evaluation for methane in the crawl spaces below the modular buildings at Honey's Little Angels Daycare and inside the child care rooms. This evaluation found no detectable concentrations of methane or any other flammable gas or vapor.

Honey's Little Angels Day Care: Although there is no evidence of an immediate health concern, given the planned demolition of Ujima Village (expected mid-2012) and the potential for remediation equipment to be staged at this location, the Regional Board, the County of Los Angeles, and ExxonMobil are working together to assist in the relocation of Honey's Little Angels Daycare as soon as possible.

More information on the investigation and the results to date, as well as information on how to contact us is provided on the enclosed *Frequently Asked Questions* document. Thank you for your attention, and please watch your mailboxes for notice of our next community meeting in early 2012; we plan to provide information on the off-site investigation and remediation pilot test results.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure