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Mr. Phil Rutherford  
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RE: PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST; PRA#: PR8-031025-02

Dear Mr. Rutherford,

This is a response to your email to the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) on February 27, 2026. Your email reaffirms what you previously communicated to the DTSC Office of Legal Counsel both during the call on December 31, 2025 and in your follow-up email on January 1, 2026.

The Office of Legal Counsel searched for records of communications between the parties you named during the period from August 2009 to December 2010. While you were not seeking records of the Community Advisory Group (CAG), such records did include either names or search terms for the date range that you requested. Whether such records are relevant to you is not something that DTSC must determine pursuant to Public Records Act (PRA). DTSC produced responsive records after a thorough search and has not withheld records nor claimed any exemption or privilege.

Elena Miller and Paige Higginson are available should you want to discuss your PRA further. Please contact me at [anaeis.minasmasihi@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:anaeis.minasmasihi@dtsc.ca.gov) if you wish to schedule a call.

Sincerely,

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