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Draft Removal Action Workplan for Precision Optical, Inc.

South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) staff appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the above-mentioned document. The Draft Removal Action Workplan describes the environmental investigations and remediation activities conducted at a 1.26-acre site that is located at 865 and 869 West 17th Street near the southwest corner of West 17th Street and Babcock Street in the City of Costa Mesa. It also proposes actions that the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will undertake to remediate groundwater contaminated with volatile organic compounds (VOCs) by air sparging in conjunction with the existing soil vapor extraction and by in-situ chemical oxidation for water quality polishing. Potential VOCs emissions from groundwater remedial actions may be anticipated during well installation or development and will be subject to the requirements of South Coast AQMD Rule 1166 – Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from Decontamination of Soil¹ for excavating, grading, handling, and treating VOCs-contaminated soils. Additionally, it is recommended that the DTSC review South Coast AQMD Rule 203 – Permit to Operate². If remedial actions would involve the use of equipment that would require a permit from South Coast AQMD, the Final Removal Action Workplan should include a discussion of Rule 203 requirements.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the comments, please feel free to contact Mr. Steve Tsumura, Air Quality Specialist, at stsumura@aqmd.gov or Mr. John Anderson, Air Quality Analysis and Compliance Supervisor, at janderson@aqmd.gov.

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¹ South Coast AQMD Rule 1166. Accessed at: http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/reg-xi/rule-1166.pdf.

² South Coast AQMD Rule 203. Accessed at: http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/reg-ii/rule-203.pdf.