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Dear Mr. Frando:

From December 2020 through September 2021, CalEPA and the Unified Program state agencies conducted a performance evaluation of the City of Bakersfield Fire Department Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA). The evaluation comprised of an assessment of administrative documentation, regulated facility file documentation, and California Environmental Reporting System information.

Upon completion of the evaluation, CalEPA issued a final Summary of Findings Report that included program deficiencies and incidental findings with corresponding corrective actions and resolutions. CalEPA has received and reviewed the required Evaluation Progress Reports submitted by the CUPA documenting the progress towards the correction of deficiencies and resolution of incidental findings identified in the final Summary of Findings Report.

Of the nine deficiencies identified, eight are considered corrected. All three incidental findings are considered resolved.

Upon closing the 2021 evaluation, the following deficiency will be carried through to the 2025 evaluation:

- The CUPA has not identified all HWG facilities operating within the CUPA's jurisdiction. (Deficiency #6)

The CUPA's implementation of the Unified Program will remain as "*satisfactory with improvement needed*" until the remaining deficiency is corrected or until the conclusion of the 2025 evaluation.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the protection of public health and the environment through the implementation of the Unified Program.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact John Paine, Unified Program Manager, at (916) 327-5092.

Sincerely,



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