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Mr. Wayne Praskins
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Mr. Praskins,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis for the Industrial Buildings Removal Action at the Halaco Superfund site in Oxnard, California. As the State Senator for this region, I fully support EPA's preferred alternative to demolish the two hazardous structures. These structures pose a significant and immediate health and safety risk to the public and their removal will be a good first start in what will undoubtedly be a long road to complete clean-up of this location.

It is my understanding that this initial action is considered a preliminary and stop-gap measure for these structures and that further decontamination work may be required of the pulverized materials associated with the two structures. It is my sincere hope that this site will one day become part of a fully restored seasonal wetland at Ormond Beach that is held in public ownership. As such, it will be extremely important to ensure that any materials remaining on the site, including the materials in the two demolished buildings, are fully cleaned and restored to the extent possible.

In addition, there are other structures on the site that are not addressed through this analysis. Therefore, I encourage the City of Oxnard and the EPA to work together to find a way to ensure removal of all structures and complete clean-up and restoration of the site as a whole.

Again, I would like to extend my sincere thanks for EPA's action in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fran Pavley".

Senator, 23rd District

cc: Oxnard City Council