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Response to Letter submitted by Chatten-Brown & Carstens LLP, October 31, 2016

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B. Potential Soil Contamination Issues (radioactive waste)

The MND states that the project site is not identified as a hazardous waste site according to the Envirostar Database. However, as identified in the Chatten-Brown letter, the site is located adjacent to federal land, which contains a waste burial site (VA Hospital). As required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), this site was reviewed as part of the overall Master Land Use Plan for the VA Hospital (GLA VA Campus Draft Master Plan 2016). The VA completed a Phase I and Phase II analysis of the area. The Phase I study was completed in 2007 and showed no levels of radiation that could be considered dangerous to the public. The Phase II study was completed in December, 2010 and concluded that the site is not a hazard and there are no potential human health risks.

C. Cumulative Impacts

The proposed project is the construction of 54 units and demolition of 35 units, resulting in a net increase of 19 units. The project is considered an infill project, and the list of projects stated in the letter have been assumed to be analyzed as part of the environmental analysis. Mitigation measures included in the MND sufficiently address the cumulative impacts related to infill development.

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