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Terry Tamminen
Agency Secretary

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Terry Tamminen
Agency Secretary

DATE: October 5, 2004

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ACTION PLAN

Earlier this year, I directed staff of the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) to develop an Environmental Justice (EJ) Action Plan to explore concepts and develop tools in moving ahead on precautionary approaches, cumulative impacts, public participation, and community capacity-building. With public input from our stakeholders, Cal/EPA has prepared an ambitious EJ Action Plan, which I have directed staff to begin implementing immediately.

The activities in our October 2004 EJ Action Plan are starting points that will take Cal/EPA into new territory on complex EJ issues, developing and testing new concepts and approaches. Thus, the EJ Action Plan is an evolving document that will be updated by Cal/EPA during the course of its implementation, in response to new, significant and relevant information, opportunities, needs, or constraints. The EJ Action Plan is available from Cal/EPA's EJ Program website at www.calepa.ca.gov/EnvJustice, or by request via EnvJustice@calepa.ca.gov or by mail to: Cal/EPA – Office of the Secretary, Cal/EPA EJ Program, P.O. Box 2815, Sacramento, California, 95812.

I hope you will actively participate in this important component of Cal/EPA's efforts toward ensuring all Californians a clean and healthy environment. Public participation will be critical to our success in conducting the activities outlined in the EJ Action Plan. Additional information about public workshops and other opportunities to participate in Cal/EPA's EJ efforts is available at the above website. Should you have questions, please contact Ms. Tam Doduc, Deputy Secretary for Environmental Quality, at (916) 324-7582.

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