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Richmond City Hall  
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Dear Mayor McLaughlin and Richmond City Council Members:

On behalf of the University of California, Berkeley, I am happy to inform you that the campus has reached a settlement agreement with the state Environmental Protection Agency's Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) that will result in the university's contribution of \$142,500 to the Richmond BUILD Program.

UC Berkeley worked cooperatively with DTSC to ensure that a good portion of the settlement funds would go back directly to the Richmond community where an investment in the emerging green industry and the creation of job opportunities would have the most beneficial impact for residents, particularly those from low-income neighborhoods. I am very pleased that Richmond BUILD, which has received national recognition as a model green job training program was approved by DTSC as the recipient.

The DTSC settlement agreement resolves the legal issue over whether UC Berkeley failed to obtain certain required administrative permits during a 2002-2004 environmental clean-up effort at the Richmond Field Station (RFS), in which the university treated and removed soil from the RFS and transferred it to the adjacent property owned at the time by Zeneca, Inc.

The clean-up activities were conducted under the oversight and approval of the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the university obtained administrative permits from numerous other state and federal agencies before beginning remediation work. In 2007 the university learned that it was DTSC's position that the campus also needed to obtain certain permits from that agency before beginning the work.

Zeneca, Inc. separately reached a settlement agreement with DTSC that will result in an \$112,500 contribution to Richmond BUILD. Combined with UC Berkeley's contribution, a total of \$255,000 will be provided to the program within the next two months as specified in the Consent Agreement.

For your background, attached is a news release issued by DTSC today.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Doreen Moreno in Government & Community Relations at 643-6781 or [dmoreno@berkeley.edu](mailto:dmoreno@berkeley.edu).

Sincerely,

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