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Michael Riley, Ph.D
Director, Social Services Agency
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Dear Dr. Riley:

In light of the recent results of the County's testing that discovered heightened levels of the toxic chemical Perchloroethylene (known as "PERC") in the soil under the building located at 840 N. Eckhoff, it is critical that the Agency immediately take action to evacuate and close the building. Ongoing assurances by the Agency that the building is safe for employees have not been credible and they are now just simply wrong.

As you are aware this particular chemical can cause a variety of health issues depending upon the amount and length of exposure. As you are also aware, the employees assigned to this location have been and continue to be exposed to this hazardous material each day they come to work. In addition, members of the public, including children, are also exposed to this hazardous chemical each time they enter the building.

By this letter we hereby reiterate our request and plea on behalf of employees and members of the public to immediately close the building and relocate employees to another location until, if ever, the site is confirmed to be safe for inhabitants.

Sincerely,

ORANGE COUNTY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

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