

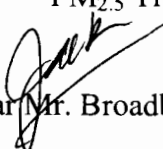


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Re: Guidance on Appendix S Non-Attainment NSR Permitting for PM<sub>2.5</sub> Sources During  
PM<sub>2.5</sub> Transition Period

  
Dear Mr. Broadbent:

Thank you for your letter dated October 28, 2009, following our meeting on September 10, 2009. Your letter requests my office to provide written concurrence with the approach the Bay Area Air Quality Management District intends to follow during the transition period until it has a rule regulating non-attainment permitting for major sources of PM<sub>2.5</sub> approved into the State Implementation Plan. We have reviewed the approach laid out in detail in your October 28<sup>th</sup> letter and concur that your approach is adequate to implement the requirements set forth in 40 CFR Part 51, Appendix S during the transition period.

Please call me or Gerardo Rios of my staff at (415) 972-3974 if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



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