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Mr. Jang,

I am writing you regarding the Title V permit you are issuing for the American Brass and Iron Foundry located on San Leandro Street in Oakland.

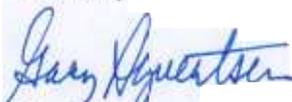
I worked for seventeen years (1981-1998) at Golden Gate Truck Center, located at 8200 Baldwin Street in Oakland. Golden Gate Truck Center is a back fence neighbor of the foundry. There were many days each year when the wind changed directions and a terrible smell came into our yard and building. Everyone had a bad taste of metal in their mouths and many people suffered from headaches. Our vehicles would be coated with a dust that if left unattended damaged the paint finish. My pick up truck paint was so damaged that I needed to spend \$1200.00 to repaint it. I opted to sell it instead.

I called the City of Oakland on several occasions. They sent somebody out once or twice to investigate but nothing ever seemed to be corrected. To the best of my knowledge, this situation is still happening.

If you would like to contact somebody at Golden Gate Truck Center please call 510-632-3535 and ask for Russ Gebhard, the shop foreman.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I can be reached at 510-347-6681

Sincerely


Gary Syvertsen