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Gary Syvertsen c/o
Golden Gate Truck Center
8200 Baldwin Street
Oakland CA 94621

RE: American Brass & Iron Foundry Title V Permit

Dear Mr. Syvertsen:

Thank you for your comments on the proposed Title V permit for the American Brass and Iron (AB&I) foundry located on San Leandro Street in Oakland.

We are aware of AB&I's history of problems with fallout and odor complaints from its neighbors. However, AB&I is currently undertaking facility-wide upgrades of their dust collection systems and abatement devices. Specifically, they are replacing their existing cyclone dust collectors and baghouses with five new, high-efficiency baghouses with greater capacity. In addition, they are adding a dust collection system to their casting grinding area and increasing the capacity of their existing dust collection system. These improvements should significantly reduce fugitive dust and odorous emissions from the facility and eliminate fallout on neighboring facilities.

Furthermore, we have not received any complaints regarding odor or fallout over the past twelve months and there is no evidence that such problems are occurring.

If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Jang, Air Quality Engineer (415) 749-4707.

Very truly yours,

William DeBoisblanc
Director of Permit Services