

December 16, 2004

Ms. Deborah Jordan
Acting Director, Air Management Division
United States Environmental Protection Agency
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

ALAMEDA COUNTY

Roberta Cooper
Scott Haggerty
(Chairperson)
Nate Miley
Shelia Young

Dear Ms. Jordan:

The requirements for public and EPA review of the following proposed reopening to a Major Facility Review Permit have been completed:

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Mark DeSaulnier
Erling Horn
Mark Ross
Gayle Uilkema
(Secretary)

Facility #

A0901

Facility Name

Valero Benicia Asphalt Plant

Application #

9297

Following is the chronology of events for this permit reopening:

- The formal notice of reopening pursuant to BAAQMD Regulation 2-6-415 was sent on December 15, 2003.
- The notice was published in the Benicia Herald on March 1, 2004.
- The final date for comments was March 31, 2004, but was extended to April 14, 2004.
- The permit was amended in response to comments.
- The proposed permit was sent to EPA for review on August 25, 2004.
- EPA commented on the permit on October 8, 2004, the last day of the EPA review period.

MARIN COUNTY

Harold C. Brown, Jr.

NAPA COUNTY

Brad Wagenknecht

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY

Chris Daly
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Jack P. Broadbent
EXECUTIVE OFFICER/APCO

The District has decided to issue the permit. Several changes have been made in response to EPA comments. In addition to these changes, two minor changes have been made in response to comments from the facility. In particular, the monitoring frequency for BAAQMD Condition 1240, I.1 in Table VII-L has been corrected to monthly to properly reflect the permit condition on which it is based. The details are in the final Statement of Basis, dated December 2004. A formal response to the facility's comments will be transmitted to you within 30 days of this letter.

EPA in its October 8, 2004, letter identified a number of issues requiring follow-up and, as appropriate, further revision to the permit. The District is committed to addressing these issues through a cooperative effort with EPA. Among the most important issues are those identified in Attachment 1 to the October 8 letter. The District's first step in addressing the Attachment 1 issues will be a proposed determination to be transmitted to EPA on or before January 6, 2005.

The major changes from the permit issued on December 1, 2003, have been listed in the new Revision History, Section X of the permit. All other details are in the final Statement of Basis.

Enclosed are copies of the final permit, the final evaluation report/statement of basis, dated December 2004, and all responses to comments prepared to date. If you have any questions regarding this action, please call Steve A Hill, Air Quality Engineering Manager, at (415) 749-4673.

Sincerely yours,

Jack P. Broadbent
Executive Officer / APCO

Enclosures: Final permit
Final statement of basis
Response to EPA letter of April 14, 2004
Response to WSPA letter of April 14, 2004

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