

December 16, 2004

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

Dear Ms. Jordan:

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

Facility #	Facility Name	Applications
B2626	Valero Refining Co. - California	2488, 9298

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 District has decided to issue the permit. Several changes have been made in response to EPA comments. In addition to these changes, minor changes and corrections have been made in response to comments from the facility. Complete details are contained in the final Statement of Basis. Responses to Comments have been prepared for EPA and all members of the public who commented. A formal response to your 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.

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In addition to the above changes, this action also issues the minor revision proposed in application **2488**. The purpose of the minor revision was to remove the natural gas firing restriction for the Cogen#1 Gas Turbine S-1030, pursuant to Condition 19177, Part 18d. This minor revision was proposed on October 25, 2004. The EPA review period was complete on December 13, 2004. No comments were received from EPA.

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 project, 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 Golden Gate University letter of April 14, 2004
 Response to WSPA letter of April 14, 2004

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