COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION OFFICE MEMORANDUM

February 4, 2004

TO:

BRIAN BATEMAN, DIRECTOR, ENGINEERING DIVISION

FROM:

KELLY WEE, DIRECTOR OF ENFORCEMENT

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF COMPLIANCE RECORD OF:

LOS ESTEROS CRITICAL ENERGY FACILITY (SITE #B3289)

Background

This review was initiated as part of the District evaluation of an application by Los Esteros Critical Energy Center for a Title V Permit. It is standard practice of the Compliance and Enforcement Division to undertake a compliance record review in advance of an application for a Title V Permit. The purpose of this review is to assure that any non-compliance problems identified during the prior permit term or twelve months have been adequately addressed. Additionally, the review is intended to recommend such additional permit conditions and limitations as may be necessary to reasonably assure ongoing compliance.

Finding

The Enforcement Division staff has commenced a review of the records of the facility from January 1, to December 31, 2003. During this review period, Los Esteros Critical Energy Center activities known to the District include:

The District did not issue any Notices of Violation during the review period.

The District received twenty-five (25) alleged odor complaints. The complaints were the result of a landscaping operation at the site. The landscapers used organic matter around the area to improve plant growth. The Facility assured the District that this would not occur again. Two complaints were confirmed.

The facility is not under a Variance or an Order of Abatement by the District.

Five monitor excesses and associated five equipment breakdowns were reported to the District. These events were due to NOx control and Data acquisition system malfunctions and were separate unrelated events. Breakdown relief was granted for four of the breakdowns. The facility breakdowns were corrected and

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compliance was achieved within approximately two hours. One breakdown was found not applicable since there were no violations of District Standards.

Conclusion

The Compliance and Enforcement Division finds that ongoing compliance can be reasonably assured for this facility due to the above record.

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