December 10, 2003

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Catherine Witherspoon
Executive Officer
California Air Resources Board
1001 "T" Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: 2003 Revision to the Owens Valley PM$_{10}$ Planning Area
Demonstration of Attainment State Implementation Plan

Dear Ms. Witherspoon:


The 2003 SIP, in compliance with the Clean Air Act’s requirement that the SIP “shall include enforceable ... control measures” as necessary to attain the PM$_{10}$ NAAQS by the statutory deadline, contains a formal District order, adopted under the authority of California Health & Safety Code Section 42316, requiring the City of Los Angeles to implement the fugitive dust control measures described in the SIP. That District order is incorporated into, and constitutes an integral part of, the 2003 SIP.
The 2003 SIP Revision was adopted after a duly-noticed and well-attended public hearing conducted in compliance with Section 110(a)(2) of the Clean Air Act and applicable federal regulations. All oral testimony was given under oath, and no limitation of any type was placed on the content or manner of presentation to the Governing Board of oral or written matter pertinent to the Board’s proposed action. The Declaration of the District’s Board Clerk certifying the facts showing the District’s compliance with the reasonable notice and public hearing requirements for SIP adoption, and copies of the Board resolutions certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report and adopting the 2003 SIP Revision are bound into the back of the 2003 SIP. When approved by the Governing Board at its February 4, 2004 meeting, the minutes of the November 13, 2003 meeting will be transmitted to you to supplement the record of proceedings of the adoption of the 2003 SIP.

In connection with its consideration of the 2003 SIP, the District, as lead agency, prepared and certified on November 13, 2003 the Final Environmental Impact Report as compliant with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Board Resolution certifying the Final EIR is bound with the 2003 SIP. Under CEQA, the State Air Resources Board is deemed a “responsible agency” that is authorized to use the Final Environmental Impact Report certified by the lead agency in deciding whether to take discretionary actions within the scope of the project approved by the lead agency. A complete copy of the Final EIR as certified by the District’s Governing Board is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

Ellen Hardebeck
Air Pollution Control Officer

Enclosures: 2003 SIP (5 copies)
             Final EIR (1 copy)

cc: Mr. Gerald Gewe, City of Los Angeles (w/o enclosures)
    Mr. Larry Biland, USEPA (w/2003 SIP) (5 copies)