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Submittal of 2012 Air Quality Management Plan

Dear Mr. Goldstene and Ms. Jordan,

At its December 7, 2012 meeting, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Governing Board adopted the 2012 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP or Plan). The 2012 AQMP, as approved, is submitted addressing the following Federal Clean Air Act requirements:

- 24-hour PM_{2.5} Plan
- 8-hour ozone additional measures and vehicle miles traveled (VMT) offset demonstration
- 1-hour ozone attainment demonstration and VMT offset demonstration

Our agency would appreciate an expedited staff review and California Air Resources Board (CARB) consideration at the earliest possible date. Changes indicated in underline and strikeout format in Attachment F to the Board Letter and the Errata sheet, as well as motions described below, have been incorporated in the attached Final 2012 AQMP.

The Governing Board approved two motions along with the adoption of the 2012 AQMP. The first motion was to remove CTS-04 from the 2012 AQMP, which contains the low vapor pressure (LVP) exemption issue, and prepare a letter from SCAQMD Chairman Dr. Burke to CARB Chairman Nichols requesting a study which evaluates whether some of the exempt LVP substances contribute to ozone and should be further controlled for ozone attainment purposes. The letter will offer our technical assistance and possible funding assistance for each study, and emphasize the need to partner with affected businesses in conducting such a study.

The second approved motion is to continue the hearing to the February 1, 2013 Governing Board meeting only on including control measure IND-01, the Port Backstop Measure, into the Final 2012 AQMP. Staff will prepare a detailed presentation on the need and legal basis for the Port Backstop Measure to the Marine Port Committee and continue to seek input on the Port Backstop measure from interested parties during the interim period. A special effort will be made between SCAQMD and the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to resolve the existing differences. Any further action taken by the Governing Board at its February hearing will be transmitted to CARB and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for review and approval if a SIP revision is warranted. However, we request processing the enclosed SIP submittal without waiting for the results of the February 1, 2013 Governing Board meeting.

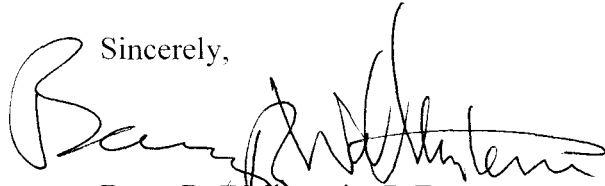
We also request U.S. EPA to immediately begin concurrent review, and especially expedite review and action on the 1-hour ozone attainment demonstration, since it is an issue in current litigation by certain environmental groups.

In order to expedite your review and approval process, the following documents that were approved at our December 7, 2012 Hearing are being submitted on the attached CDs. Per request from CARB staff, three hardcopies of the Board Letter, Resolution and Final 2012 AQMP are also attached. Finally, due to the size of CMAQ modeling files, SCAQMD staff will coordinate with CARB modeling staff on a method of transfer.

- Approved Board Letter regarding the 2012 AQMP and related documents
- Governing Board Adoption Resolution 12-19 certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report and adopting the Final 2012 AQMP
- Final 2012 AQMP (December 2012), including the following appendices:
 - Appendix I – Health Effects
 - Appendix II – Current Air Quality
 - Appendix III - Base and Future Year Emission Inventory
 - Appendix IV (A) - District's Stationary Source Control Measures
 - Appendix IV (B) - Proposed Section 182(e)(5) Implementation Measures
 - Appendix IV (C) - Regional Transportation Strategies & Control Measures
 - Appendix V - Modeling & Attainment Demonstrations
 - Appendix VI - Reasonably Available Control Measures (RACM) Demonstration
 - Appendix VII - 1-hour Ozone Attainment Demonstration
 - Appendix VIII - VMT Offset Requirement Demonstration
- Proof of Publication for Notices of Public Hearings
- Response to Comments on the 2012 Air Quality Management Plan (November 2012)
- Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the 2012 AQMP (November 2012)
- Final Socioeconomic Report for the 2012 AQMP (December 2012)

If you have any questions, please contact me at (909) 396-2100 or Dr. Elaine Chang, Deputy Executive Officer, at (909) 396-3186.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barry R. Wallerstein', written over a horizontal line.

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Attachments

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