

December 1, 2003

Dennis Bolt, Bay Area Coordinator
Western States Petroleum Association (WSPA)
785/E2 Oak Grove Road, Suite 306
Concord, CA 94518

Dear Mr. Bolt:

Thank you for your comments on the Valero Asphalt Plan (Facility A0901) initial Title V permit dated August 8, 2003.

Your comments concern the permit conditions that were added to the permit to implement the monitoring requirement in Section 502 of BAAQMD Regulation 9, Rule 10, Nitrogen Oxides and Carbon Monoxide from Boilers, Steam Generators and Process Heaters in Petroleum Refineries.

These conditions were imposed on all Bay Area refineries and have received a great deal of comment from the applicants. Therefore, the District has decided to postpone implementation of the conditions until June 1, 2004. By that date, the permits shall be revised to include a practical, clear, and enforceable version of the monitoring conditions. These will be an opportunity for comment from the public and the facilities. Certainly, WSPA's comments will be considered in the drafting of the new conditions.

The District has decided to issue the permit. A copy of the permit will be available on the District's website at:

<http://www.baaqmd.gov/pmt/t5/t5publicnotices/t5publicnotices.asp>.

If you have any questions, please call Brenda Cabral, Senior Air Quality Engineer, at (415) 749-4686.

Sincerely,

Steve Hill,
Action Director, Engineering

ALAMEDA COUNTY

Roberta Cooper
Scott Haggerty
(Chairperson)
Nate Miley
Shelia Young

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Mark DeSaulnier
Mark Ross
Gayle Uilkema
(Secretary)

MARIN COUNTY

Harold C. Brown, Jr.

NAPA COUNTY

Brad Wagenknecht

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY

Willie Brown, Jr.
Chris Daly
Jake McGoldrick

SAN MATEO COUNTY

Jerry Hill
Marland Townsend
(Vice-Chairperson)

SANTA CLARA COUNTY

Liz Kniss
Patrick Kwok
Julia Miller
Dena Mossar

SOLANO COUNTY

John F. Silva

SONOMA COUNTY

Tim Smith
Pamela Torliatt

William C. Norton
EXECUTIVE OFFICER/APCO