



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION IX

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San Francisco, CA 94105-3901**

June 23, 2008

Mr. Jay Chen
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Refinery and Waste Management
South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 East Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Re: Proposed Initial Title V Permit for the ConocoPhillips, Carson Refinery (ID 800362)

Dear Mr. Chen:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the proposed initial title V permit for the ConocoPhillips refinery in Carson, CA. We received the proposed permit, statement of basis, letter to EPA, and the public notice via email on Friday, June 6, 2008. The permit application was received via mail on Tuesday, June 10, 2008. Based on these dates, EPA's 45-day review period is set to end on Monday, July 30, 2008. According to the public notice, you will be accepting public comments through August 5, 2008.

I am writing to request that your office fax or email us a copy of any comments on the permit as soon as they are received. I am also writing to request a 45-day extension of our review period. We are requesting this extension in accordance with Rule 3003(k)(1) of your title V program, on the basis that an additional 45 day period is necessary to review any public and affected State comments made on the proposed permit.

With this extension, our review period would end on Tuesday, September 9, 2008. We believe the extension will give us the necessary time to review any public comments received. Depending on the number and nature of comments, we may be able to terminate our review prior to the end of the extended period.

Please call me at (415) 972-3974 if you have any questions or concerns. We would appreciate a written response to this request as soon as possible. If you would like to transmit your response via email, you may send it to our dedicated South Coast Air Permits email box at R9AirPermits_SC@EPA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerardo C. Rios".

Gerardo C. Rios
Chief, Permits Office

cc: Michael Tolstrup, ARB

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