



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION IX
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

November 30, 2000

Mr. James Hesson
Laboratory Services Manager
Bay Area Air Quality Management District
939 Ellis Street
San Francisco, CA 94109

Subject: Approval of Test Method 15A *Standardization and Analysis of Permanent Gases and Methane* and Method 17 *Standardization of Hydrocarbon Calibration Gases*

Dear Mr. Hesson: ^{Jim}

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) submitted the following test methods to US EPA Region 9 for approval for use in California State Implementation Plan (SIP) rules.

Test Method 15A *Standardization and Analysis of Permanent Gases and Methane, 9/15/2000*
Test Method 17 *Standardization of Hydrocarbon Calibration Gases, 9/15/2000*

BAAQMD revised the test methods in response to an earlier comment provided by EPA in a letter dated October 22, 1998 to the BAAQMD. EPA Region 9 finds the changes are acceptable and approves the above test methods for use in SIP approved rules in California.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to have your staff contact Stanley Tong at (415) 744-1191.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A. Tong for".

Andrew Steckel
Chief, Rulemaking Office

cc: Rima Howell, EMC
Robin Segall, EMC
Cindy Castronovo, CARB
Barbara Cook, CARB