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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Clerk of the Board, Environmental Appeals Board
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460-0001

Dear Appellate Board Members:

San Francisco, EPA Region 9, claims that my petition should be summarily dismissed for failure to raise a specific concern during the public hearing at Shasta Lake City, March 8, 2006. (The "Public Hearing Transcript", Exhibit B, at 17:18:-18:4) I still reiterate that the EPA's Mission Statement, which relates to the protection of public health, is inconsistent with the 2006 Permit granting Knauf Fiberglass Industry an increase in emissions.

Logically, how can the EPA claim to protect the public's health, and then increase polluting and health harming emissions into a basin of air that is already dirty?

Region 9 summarily dismissed my objection as "not relating to the PSD requirements and is, therefore, outside its' jurisdiction." If the EPA does not care about the ambient air quality, then what is the EPA for? What is its' jurisdiction?

Private citizens have the right to address concerns that cause health problems in their area. However, Region 9 just summarily dismissed all of our protests, because they were considered amateurish, not legally represented, and none of the EPA's concern.

So, why bother to even allow the public to comment and protest? It is obvious no one will pay attention. What is the EPA for?

Yours truly,

Henry Francis