

**Permit Brief Appeal by Genghmun Eng (“Citizen”, “Petitioner”)  
to US EPA Environmental Appeals Board (“EAB”)  
Regarding Denial of Citizen Petition No. IX-2024-14**

**Attachment 3-of-9:**

***“Doc-02\_US-EPA\_Region9-letter-to-Citizen\_re-Ultramar-Refinery\_2024-06-18.pdf”***



REGION 9  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105

June 18, 2024

Genghmun Eng  
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Via electronic mail

Dear Genghmun Eng,

Thank you for submitting your "Emergency Petition to the US EPA for Timely and Needed Additions and Modifications to the Proposed Title V Permit Renewal for the Valero Ultramar HF Refinery" to EPA Region 9 for the Ultramar, Inc – Valero Wilmington Refinery 800026 title V permit renewal. We received your submission at the San Francisco office on May 15, 2024, during our 45-day review period (April 5 to May 20, 2024).

Because EPA Region 9 did not object to the permit, the public has 60 days to submit a petition to the EPA Administrator requesting that EPA object to the permit. We encourage you to submit a petition directly to EPA Headquarters (HQ) as we are currently in the petition period (which runs from May 21 to July 18, 2024). Any petition requesting the Administrator's objection must be submitted directly to HQ using one of the three methods identified on EPA's website, <https://www.epa.gov/title-v-operating-permits/title-v-petitions>.

Before submitting a petition, we encourage you to review 40 CFR 70.12 for the public petition requirements. Additionally, citizen petitions have special rules, which are contained in Clean Air Act Section 505(b)(2) and EPA's regulations at 40 CFR sections 70.8(d), 70.12, and 70.14. Among other requirements, any issue raised in the petition as grounds for an objection must be based on a claim that the permit, permit record, or permit process is not in compliance with applicable requirements of the Clean Air Act or the regulations in 40 CFR part 70. Please note that we cannot object to a permit based on concerns about health and safety that are not related to a Clean Air Act requirement. EPA's rules can be found at <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-40/chapter-I/subchapter-C/part-70>.

If you have a question about how to file a petition, please email [TitleVpetitions@epa.gov](mailto:TitleVpetitions@epa.gov). If you have questions about the specific permit submittal in EPS, please contact Nidia K. Trejo at (415) 972-3968 or email [R9AirPermits@epa.gov](mailto:R9AirPermits@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

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Acting Manager on behalf of

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