



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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June 29, 2009

Mohsen Nazemi
Deputy Executive Officer
South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 E. Copley Dr.
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Re: Proposed Title V Permit for Lunday-Thagard Co. refinery (Facility ID # 800080)

Dear Mr. Nazemi:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the proposed title V permit for the Lunday-Thagard Co. refinery, located at 9301 Garfield Avenue in South Gate, CA. Over the past several weeks, our staffs discussed a number of issues related to this permit such as the applicability of certain regulations and clarifying the compliance status of the facility. We appreciate the District's willingness to work with us throughout this process and are providing the enclosed comments to aid in our future discussions.

Again, I thank you and your staff for your effort to prepare this complex permit and for the time spent discussing it with us. If you have any questions or if you would like to discuss this matter further, please call me or have your staff call Kate Hoag at (415) 972-3970.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerardo C. Rios", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gerardo C. Rios
Chief, Air Permits Office

Enclosure