



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
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October 15, 2008

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 Ultramar Refinery (Facility ID # 800026)

Dear Mr. Nazemi:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the proposed title V permit for the Ultramar Refinery, located at 2402 E. Anaheim St., in Wilmington, CA. Over the past several weeks, our staffs discussed a number of issues related to this permit such as period periodic monitoring requirements and the applicability of certain regulations.<sup>1</sup> In a letter sent to EPA on October 15, 2008, the District committed to incorporate changes that we discussed and to continue working with us to resolve any remaining issues prior to the issuance of the final permit for this 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. The enclosure enumerates EPA's comments in detail as well as our understanding of the District's initial response.

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 be "Gerardo C. Rios", with a small "for" written to the right of the signature.

Gerardo C. Rios  
Chief, Air Permits Office

Enclosure

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1. EPA staff sent draft comments on September 18, which were discussed with District staff via teleconference on September 24. District staff sent draft responses on October 8.