

June 30, 2003

Mr. Jack Broadbent, Director
Air Management Division
United States Environmental Protection Agency
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Mr. Broadbent:

The District has revised the following draft permit and is submitting a proposed permit to EPA Region IX for your review:

Facility #	Facility Name	Address, City	Type of Operation
B3193	Valero Benicia Asphalt Plant	3001 Park Road Benicia, CA 90748-1257	Petroleum Refinery

The draft permit was published on June 6, 2002. The public notice was published on June 10, 2002. A 90-day public comment period began on June 10, 2002. A hearing was held on July 10, 2002.

No adverse comments were received at the public hearing. Comments were received from the asphalt plant and from the Golden Gate University Environmental Law and Justice Clinic on behalf of Our Children's Earth.

The responses to the asphalt plant and to Our Children's Earth are attached.

The permit is now being formally submitted to EPA Region IX for EPA's 45-day review. The revised portions of the permit will also be subject to public notice since the permit has some substantive changes. The end of the new public comment period will be August 11, 2003.

Enclosed for your information are copies of the proposed permit and the evaluation report/statements of basis. If you have any questions regarding this project, please call Steve A. Hill, Permit Evaluation Manager, at (415) 749-4673, fax (415) 749-5030.

Sincerely,

William C. Norton
Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer

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