Dear Hearing Board members,

Many of the letters you are receiving speak to two perceptions: 1) The OHV park may be closed to resolve the hazardous dust from the dunes; and, 2) It is somehow the fault of Nipomo Mesa residents that we bought homes there.

Concerned Citizens for Clean Air has never advocated for closing the OHV park simply because it is unnecessary to do so ensure that public health is protected. The park can continue to operate AND the public can have air that does not present a health hazard. One writer spoke of allegies. We are not talking allegies, here. We are talking about cancer, cardiac implications and respiratory impacts. This is serious stuff and the reality that that is what we are suffering from is not even disputed by State Parks any longer.

Second, the fact that we have pollution from the OHV park was not known until about 2005. The source of the pollution was not publicized until 2010. Most of us bought our homes before we had a clue that we were moving into a hazardous cloud. Blaming us for moving here does not resolve the problem.

What State Parks and APCD have agreed to is a pitiful attempt to come up with something that they can agree on. After 8 years, a 30% reduction over 5 years is a joke. PLEASE do not accept this agreement. Thank you.