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To the San Luis Obispo County APCD Hearing Board Members:

Once again, CA State Parks delays and doesn't meet deadlines that they are supposed to adhere to. This time, it is not posting the new Stipulated Agreement originally due on April 15. The second deadline was April 20 was missed. Maybe it will be posted April 22. Is this a continuation of their seeming strategy to keep information from residents who are affected by the air pollution coming from the Oceano Dunes so we won't have time to point out the flaws before the April 30 hearing?

The American Lung Association has written a strong letter criticizing the SLO Air Pollution Control District for allowing the hazardous dust problem caused by off-highway vehicle use to continue unabated. The SLO County Health Department has complained to the Board of Supervisors about "numerous delays" in State Parks' development of dust mitigation measures following "previous measures by State Parks [that] have had no effect."

And still, residents of the Nipomo mesa wait and suffer, shut in their houses on hazardous air pollution days, spending money for air purification machines and special filters to clean the air they breathe in their own homes. What about our rights to recreate, garden, take a walk in our neighborhood, enjoy the yards outside our homes? I personally am now a patient of a Pulmonologist, using an inhaler to help me breathe, taking medication, and am now forced to leave San Luis Obispo County during windy, hazardous air pollution season because I do not want to die earlier so OHV riders can pollute the air that I breathe.

When will CA State Parks and our San Luis Obispo officials act FOR the citizens of San Luis Obispo County who are suffering the effects of air pollution due to the Off-Highway Vehicle riding on the Oceano Dunes? The Snowy Plover seems to get more attention and mitigation than the residents who live here, pay taxes, support local businesses, volunteer in our community.

We are not asking that the riders give up their recreation. But, we are asking CA State Parks to come up with a plan that will mitigate the air pollution problems, quickly, before more of us suffer and die. We have waited long enough for action to be taken. Scientists have studied the problems and come up with effective solutions. A decrease of air pollution of 5 to 10% per year is not adequate. Citizens of this county are suffering and dying now.

Please help us get our right to breathe clean air.

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