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Dear Hearing Board members and APCD staff,

Concerned Citizens for Clean Air is primarily comprised residents of the Nipomo Mesa and Oceano who have banded together to fight hazardous air pollution from the Oceano Dunes. We have fought this battle for very long 12 years. We have met with regulatory agency bodies, written letters, attended what by now is likely a hundred meetings of regulatory agencies, sent emails, letters to the editor, etc.

This kind of commitment can only be driven by a consuming concern about our collective health. This is not about economic impacts, recreational preferences, interagency dominance, or political power. This is about a public nuisance, clearly identified and quantified, that puts human beings at risk for lung disease, cardiac impacts, asthma and a host of other known relevant ailments.

The Stipulated Order of Abatement was agreed to and signed by State Parks and the APCD. Its sole reason for existing is to solve this untenable health issue. And now we are running out of time for compliance. State Parks has fought the spirit of this agreement from the outset, and now wants to change its terms at the 11th hour.

We implore you to “just say no.” Say no to changing deadlines, new modeling, adjusted terms or anything else that will extend the time that we have got to live with this dangerous situation. Say no to further State Parks delays. Say no to any element of this fight that has anything but protecting air quality and public at heart.

Just say “no.”

Thank you,

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