

Dear APCD Hearing Board Members,

Please consider my comments pertaining to your review of the Stipulated Order of Abatement (SOA) re the Oceano Dunes SVRA PM-10 mitigation efforts and monitoring. Although progress in reducing fugitive emissions that impact human health has been made, full compliance with air quality standards has not yet been achieved. Residents of the Nipomo Mesa who live downwind of the dunes continue to experience poor air quality on windy days that violates state and federal standards.

We understand emissions data for the modeling are taken by readings averaged over 24 hour periods of time. Here on the Mesa we are typically impacted only during a few hours of the day, typically in the early to mid-afternoon. Thus when readings are averaged out over a 24 hour period actual exceedances are being masked. Overall the 24 hour readings may look very good but in fact the actual emissions often exceed mandated levels during intervals of a few hours on windy days. It is necessary to monitor real time data to know the true impact.

We urge the Hearing Board to stay the course set out by the SOA by continuing to require mitigation and remediation efforts on the dunes until full compliance with air quality standards is achieved. Anything less will only cause conditions to revert back to where things were a decade ago and erase all progress.

Thank you for considering our concerns. Your time and attention to this serious public health concern are very much appreciated.

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