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April 22, 2002

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Planning-CEQA

Reference: Ultramar, Inc. - Wilmington Oil Refinery (SCH No. 2000061113)
Subject: Opposition To Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report
And Issuance Of Permit To Ultramar, Inc.

I live in Wilmington with my family and am a registered voter who votes in every election. I am very active in various Wilmington and Harbor Area community organizations and activities. I have recently learned about the contents of SCH No. 2000061113 which is the Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report IR submitted by Ultramar, Inc. regarding their request for a building permit. I wish to advise you that I am against SCAQMD issuing a permit for the following reasons: 36-1

1. The air quality in Wilmington is terrible and several of my children suffer from asthma, allergies and respiratory problems.
2. I am not aware of any Ultramar or SCAQMD representative coming to any Wilmington community meeting to inform us of this proposed project expansion. 36-2
3. SCAQMD as the lead agency failed in its public responsibility to hold a Public Hearing in Wilmington so that local residents could be informed of the project and DSEIR. 36-3
4. I am not aware of any copy of the DSEIR being available or distributed in Wilmington for our review and comment. 36-4
5. I understand that there is no mediation being offered for the Pollution of our communities air and the negative health impact it is having on our community. 36-5

I request that a Public Hearing be held in Wilmington immediately and the public comment time be extended another sixty days from the date of the Public Hearing. 36-6

Seriously Concerned Mother,

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COMMENT LETTER NO. 36
LETTER FROM FRANCINE GARCIA

April 22, 2002

Response 36-1

Your comments and opinions regarding Ultramar are noted.

Your comment regarding asthma, allergies and respiratory problems is noted, however, this comment is not related to the environmental analyses in the Draft SEIR. There is no question that poor air quality can exacerbate respiratory problems such as asthma. The SEIR discloses that the proposed project is expected to generate significant adverse regional air quality impacts, which could affect sensitive populations, especially those with respiratory problems. No localized air quality impacts, however, were identified for the proposed project. As a result, the SEIR fulfills the letter and intent of CEQA, i.e., to disclose information on potential adverse impacts to the public.

Please see Response 6-2 regarding air quality in the Wilmington area.

Response 36-2

Please see Response 3-1 regarding public notice for the proposed project.

Response 36-3

Please see Response 3-3 regarding the public meeting.

Response 36-4

Please see Response 3-1 regarding public notice for the proposed project.

Response 36-5

See Response 12-5 regarding the health impacts of the proposed project and mediation.

Response 36-6

See Response 3-3 regarding the public meeting and an extension of the public comment period.