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Ref: Ultramar, Inc. (SCH No. 2000061113)
Sub: Opposition To Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report
And Issuance Of Permit To Ultramar, Inc.

I live in Wilmington with my family and we have recently been informed of the above Draft SEIR regarding the proposed issuance of a permit by SCAQMD to Ultramar, Inc. and I wish to advise you that I am against the issuance of a permit for the following reasons:

1. Several of my children suffer from allergies and respiratory problems which are being caused by the terrible air quality in Wilmington.
2. No representative of Ultramar or SCAQMD came to any Wilmington community meeting to inform us of this proposed expansion.
3. SCAQMD and Ultramar did not hold a Public Hearing in Wilmington so that local residents could ask questions and be informed.
4. No copy of the Draft SEIR was distributed in Wilmington for our review and comment.
5. I am told that there is no mediation being offered for the damage to our air quality and health impact on our community. My wife and I are the ones having to pay high medical plan and prescription costs.

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.

Sincerely,

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COMMENT LETTER NO. 35
LETTER FROM RICHARD SUAREZ

April 21, 2002

Response 35-1

Your opinion regarding the Ultramar proposed project is noted. Your comment regarding allergies 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.

Response 35-2

See Response 3-3 regarding the public meeting and Response 3-1 regarding public notice for the Draft SEIR.

Response 35-3

See Response 3-3 regarding the public meeting.

Response 35-4

The comment is incorrect. See Response 3-1 regarding the public notice for the Draft SEIR.

Response 35-5

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

Response 35-6

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