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South Coast Air Quality Management District
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Re: Proposed Rule 1495 - Commodity Fumigation; Request for 60-Day Extension of Public Comment Period

Dear Chair Cacciotti:

On behalf of SSA Marine, I respectfully request that the South Coast Air Quality Management District extend the written public comment period for Proposed Rule 1495 by 60 days.

SSA Marine operates Berth 55, an important entry point for fresh imported fruit serving Southern California and markets beyond the region. The fruit dock supports the safe and efficient movement of perishable commodities while providing jobs and contributing to the reliability of the regional food-supply chain.

We support South Coast AQMD's public-health objectives and appreciate the opportunity to participate in the rulemaking process. However, Proposed Rule 1495 presents complex technical, and operational questions that require additional analysis.

The current comment period does not provide sufficient time to complete that work and submit detailed, technically supported recommendations. A 60-day extension would improve the administrative record and allow affected stakeholders to propose practical solutions that advance AQMD's public-health goals.

Accordingly, SSA Marine respectfully requests that South Coast AQMD extend the written public comment period for Proposed Rule 1495 by 60 days and adjust subsequent rulemaking dates as necessary to allow staff to consider the additional information.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to continuing to work constructively with South Coast AQMD.

Sincerely,

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