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Mr. Wayne Nastri
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Dear Mr. Nastri:

The Air Resources Board (ARB) submits to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) the *Amendments to the 2003 San Joaquin Valley Plan to Attain Federal Standards for Particulate Matter 10 Microns and Smaller* (2003 PM10 Plan Amendments) as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP). The San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (District) adopted the amendments on December 18, 2003 and transmitted them to ARB for adoption and submittal to U.S. EPA. This material supplements the *2003 San Joaquin Valley Plan to Attain Federal Standards for Particulate Matter 10 Microns and Smaller* (2003 PM10 Plan) that we submitted on August 19, 2003. We request that U.S. EPA act expeditiously to fully approve the original plan with these amendments as an enforceable framework to protect the health of the more than three million people living in the San Joaquin Valley.

The amendments provide clarifications that U.S. EPA staff have indicated would aid plan approval. These amendments modify only the local elements of the 2003 PM10 Plan and have been approved by the District. We believe that the 2003 Plan, including these amendments, complies with federal law and should be approved by U.S. EPA. The 2003 PM10 Plan represents a comprehensive strategy to mitigate the Valley's complex particulate pollution challenge. Throughout the SIP process, the District and ARB have been working closely with U.S. EPA staff to address their concerns. We will continue to assist U.S. EPA in any way we can in order to expedite plan approval.

This package consists of five copies of the following materials.

I) December 19, 2003, letter from Mr. Dave Jones, Director of Planning for the District, to Ms. Catherine Witherspoon, ARB Executive Officer, transmitting:

   A) 2003 PM10 Plan Amendments,
   B) Evidence of Public Hearing

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Website: http://www.arb.ca.gov.

C) California Environmental Quality Act documentation,
D) Public Comments and Responses,
E) Board Report,
F) Resolution adopting Amendments to the 2003 PM10 Plan from the District Governing Board (Resolution 03-12-12), and
G) SIP Completeness Checklist.

II) ARB Executive Order G-125-315 adopting the Amendments to the 2003 PM10 Plan as a revision to the SIP.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Lynn Terry, Deputy Executive Officer, at (916) 322-2739 or have your staff contact Ms. Cynthia Marvin, Chief, Air Quality and Transportation Planning Branch, at (916) 322-7236.

Sincerely,

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