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Subject: Response to Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Letter
Quemetco - City of Industry, California

Dear Ms. Whynot:

We are writing in response to the August 4, 2020 “five signature” letter (“Letter”) sent by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (“County”) urging the South Coast Air Quality Management District (“SCAQMD”) to halt further consideration of Quemetco’s throughput input request until the Department of Toxic Substances Control (“DTSC”) completes its review of Quemetco’s operating permit renewal application.

Not surprisingly, the County’s Letter fails to offer any justification supporting its demand for further delay of SCAQMD’s throughput increase request review. And there is no justification. SCAQMD’s current review of the throughput increase request, and DTSC’s review of Quemetco’s operating permit renewal are two independent processes. There is no logical reason why SCAQMD’s review must follow after the conclusion of DTSC’s review. In fact, because DTSC will be performing its own review of Quemetco’s throughput increase following the conclusions of SCAQMD’s review, it logically follows that SCAQMD’s review should be completed first, contrary to the position taken in the County’s Letter.

The County also implies that expanding operations would negatively impact public health in the communities surrounding Quemetco – warranting denial of the throughput increase request. As we are confident that you are aware, SCAQMD’s staff are in the process of conducting a comprehensive environmental review in full compliance with CEQA as part of Quemetco’s throughput increase request. Quemetco is confident that this environmental review process will more than address the County’s concerns, and will show that the controls and other systems in place at its City of Industry facility are more than sufficient to ensure continued safe and responsible operations at Quemetco.

Finally, the County demands that SCAQMD hold a public meeting to discuss the recent resolution of outstanding NOVs with Quemetco, and to consider allocating some of those settlement funds for projects in the communities adjacent to the Quemetco facility. While these requests are unusual, we will support whatever decision SCAQMD reaches in response to these requests.

We thank you for allowing Quemetco to provide additional context and the opportunity to clarify a number of misleading statements in the County's Letter.

Sincerely,



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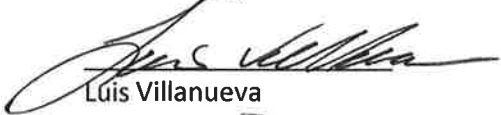
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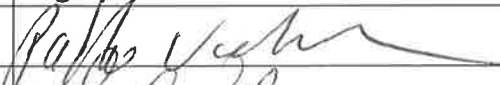




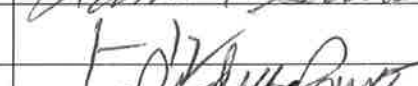
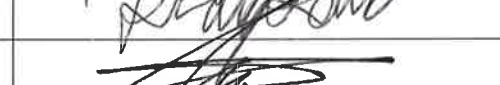
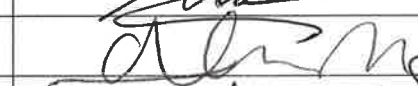


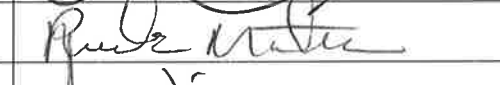
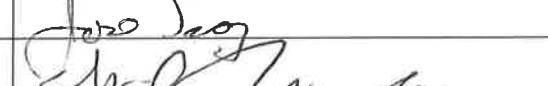
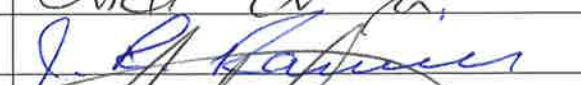





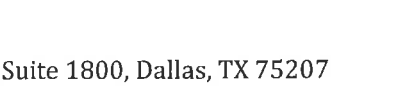


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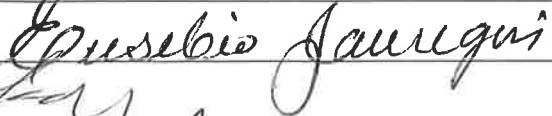






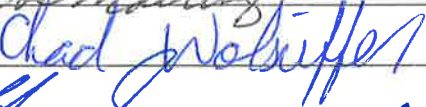



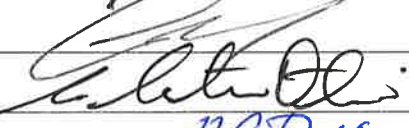
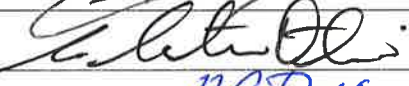



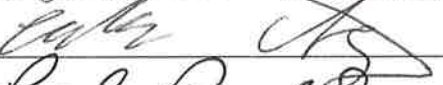







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