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To

Nicholas Maiden

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Bradley Angel Helen Kang

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Mr. Maiden,

On behalf of the West Berkeley Alliance for Clean Air and Safe Jobs (Alliance) and other concerned community members, I request an additional extension of the public comment period regarding the Pacific Steel Casting Company (PSC) SMOP review.

Reasons for an additional extension of the public comment period:

1. The district has taken 10 years to address the SMOP issue.
2. When you issued a draft SMOP, you didn't engage the community – the ones that have been focused on PSC. Neighbors For Clean Air (since 1981), the Alliance (since 2005), and other impacted groups and individuals have attended numerous meetings and/or testified before the BAAQMD Stationary Source Committee, the BAAQMD Board of Directors, the BAAQMD Hearing Board, the Berkeley City Council, the Berkeley Zoning Adjustments Board, City of Berkeley District 1 community meetings, City of Berkeley Community Environmental Advisory Commission meetings and special meetings with Berkeley Mayor Tom Bates and/or Berkeley City Council members Linda Maio and Lori Droste.
3. The Alliance and other concerned community members did not get notice of the draft permit on July 7.
4. There are no emissions calculations attached; nor is there an explanation of the basis for withholding such calculations. Without emissions calculations, the Alliance and other community members are unable to offer meaningful comments.
5. The Alliance is exploring the possibility of retaining a technical and legal expert. The lack of notice provided has hampered with this effort.

Sincerely,

Janice Schroeder

Core Member

West Berkeley Alliance for Clean Air and Safe Jobs