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Subject:

cc:

Additional EPA Comments on the Pacific Steel Casting Synthetic Minor

Operating Permit

Dear Mr. Williams:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the draft synthetic minor operating permit (SMOP) for Pacific Steel Casting, facility 22605. We understand that this is the second public comment period, which began on December 16, 2016, and ends on January 19, 2017. The first comment period took place from July 15, 2016 to September 15, 2016.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 (EPA) provided written comments regarding the permit to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (District) in a letter dated August 30, 2016. In addition to these comments, we have two additional comments regarding the public version of the Odor Management Plan (OMP) and emission calculations.

In response to #12.a. and #12.b. of our August 30, 2016 comment letter, the District provided to EPA, by electronic mail, a public version of the facility's OMP and emissions calculations. First, rather than cross-referencing certain sections of the OMP in the permit, the District may consider adding the relevant, specific language from the OMP directly into the permit, or include the OMP as an attachment to the permit. Second, we encourage the District to make a public version of the emission calculations available with the permit and its associated documents.

We greatly appreciate the District's efforts on this permit action, and look forward to your response. Please feel free to contact Shaheerah Kelly at (415) 947-4156 or at kelly.shaheerah@epa.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Gerardo C. Rios

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Nicholas Maiden, Bay Area Air Quality Management District (via email)