

March 15, 2006

Jack Broadbent, Executive Officer
Bay Area Air Quality Management District
939 Ellis Street
San Francisco, CA 94109

Dear Mr. Broadbent:

My office has been working with the BAAQMD to reduce the environmental impacts of Pacific Steel Casting, which is located in my district. The community is necessarily concerned about the plants' emissions and has raised a number of questions and concerns.

We appreciate the BAAQMD's willingness to work with us in this endeavor. At this juncture, we have several requests:

1. The recent settlement agreement can easily be interpreted as increasing allowable emissions, which is a cause of concern. PSC and the District noted that this is the result of a correction to an error. Please provide a complete description of what occurred. How does this increase affect the overall facility emissions cap?
2. A recent newspaper opinion piece in the *Berkeley Daily Planet* raised the issue of "dioxin—actually, a large group of similar chemicals" being emitted at the site. My office has discussed this matter with the City's Hazardous Waste Manager, Dr. Al-Hadithy. Historic records on file with the City indicate the presence of chlorinated solvents at PSC. Please advise what the BAAQMD's knowledge and purview is in this area.
3. Please advise how the levels of PSC's emissions are considered under Title V. What were the calculations and who conducted the research?
4. Please confirm, to the City, that PSC is, or is not, being considered as one facility under Title V, as there is confusion on this point.
5. Lastly, please consider holding any BAAQMD Board Meetings dealing with PSC in Berkeley so that the concerned Berkeley public may attend them.

Thank you for your attention to these requests and to our efforts to provide accurate information to the public.

Sincerely,

Linda Maio