Valero Benicia Asphalt Plant

3001 Park Road Benicia, CA 90748-1257

Attention: Mr. Doug Comeau, Refinery Manager

Application Number:9297Plant Number:A0901Equipment Location:Same as above

Dear Mr. Comeau:

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The requirement for public and EPA review of the proposed reopening of your Major Facility Review Permit has been completed.

Following is the chronology of events for this permit reopening:

- The formal notice of reopening pursuant to BAAQMD Regulation 2-6-415 was sent on December 15, 2003.
- The notice was published in the Benicia Herald on March 1, 2004.
 - The final date for comments was March 31, 2004, but was extended to April 14, 2004.
- The permit was amended in response to comments.
- The proposed permit was sent to EPA for review on August 25, 2004.
- EPA commented on the permit on October 8, 2004, the last day of the EPA review period.

The District has decided to issue the permit. Several changes have been made in response to EPA comments. In addition to these changes, two minor changes have been made in response to comments from the facility. In particular, the monitoring frequency for BAAQMD Condition 1240, I.1 in Table VII-L has been corrected to monthly to properly reflect the permit condition on which it is based. The details are in the final Statement of Basis, dated December 2004. A formal response to your comments will be transmitted to you within 30 days of this letter.

EPA in its October 8, 2004, letter identified a number of issues requiring followup and, as appropriate, further revision to the permit. The District is committed to addressing these issues through a cooperative effort with EPA. Among the most important issues are those identified in Attachment 1 to the October 8 letter. The District's first step in addressing the Attachment 1 issues will be a proposed determination to be transmitted to EPA on or before January 6, 2005.

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Jack P. Broadbent EXECUTIVE OFFICER/APCO The major changes from the permit issued on December 1, 2003, have been listed in the new Revision History, Section X of the permit. All other details are in the final Statement of Basis.

This letter also constitutes notice that the District intends to reopen your Title V permit to address certain issues identified by EPA in attachment 1 of its October 8, 2004, letter to the District, a copy of which has already been provided to you. The District may determine in the interim that certain of the issues identified by EPA are not relevant to your facility.

Enclosed are copies of the final permit, the final evaluation report/statement of basis, dated December 2004, and all responses to comments prepared to date. If you have any questions regarding this permit, please call Brenda Cabral, Senior Air Quality Engineer, at (415) 749-4686.

Sincerely yours,

Jack P. Broadbent Executive Officer / APCO

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Enclosures:

Final permit

Final statement of basis Response to EPA letter of April 14, 2004 Response to WSPA letter of April 14, 2004

Cc: Clark Hopper, Sky Bellanca, Sam Hammonds, Valero Benicia Asphalt

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