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Subject: Letter regarding PM10 and Oceano Dunes OHV from Rachelle Toti
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Hi Larry – Here's the letter I mentioned on your voicemail. - Andy

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From: ccca10@charter.net [mailto:ccca10@charter.net]
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2013 10:07 AM
To: Heller, Zoe
Subject: LETTER

Hello Zoe,

Here is the letter I sent. We had another federal exceedance last week and in the APCD Board meeting yesterday, the renegotiated timeline was given extending some milestones 12 to15months out to 2014. I will request the new dates and forward to you.
Rachelle Toti

May 9, 2013

Mr. Jared Blumenfeld,
Administrator E.P.A. Region 9
Environmental Protection Agency
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, Ca. 94105

Dear Mr. Blumenfeld,

Concerned Citizens for Clean Air is an advocacy group representing residents of the Nipomo Mesa and Oceano in San Luis Obispo County. In March, about 2,500 residents were advised by letter and postcard of their forecast zones for PM 10 and 2.5 exposure. Attached are a copy of the letter and the brochure received by a member. Last year the CDF monitor registered three exceedances of the federal PM 10 standard. This year we have had one federal exceedance so far. On windy days, we have higher PM10 levels than most cities in California. We have readings at the Willow Road monitor of 300 to 600 mcg for several hours and for consecutive days. If you would like to see additional information and reports we have collected on this issue, please visit our website nipomomesa-air.org . This air pollution is traveling up to twelve miles inland and affecting both San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties. It is now being disclosed in some real estate transactions and undoubtedly influencing purchase decisions.

Although residents have complained for many years of this dust pollution, the County and Air Pollution Control District officials have been unsuccessful in reducing it due to the source – the Oceano Dunes Off Highway Vehicle Park. The APCD and its Rule 1001 designed to force mitigation of the dust, by 2015 has just prevailed in two lawsuits. However, the very generous implementation timeline is now being re-negotiated to give even more time to comply as the first two deadlines were not met. The recommended solution, restoration of the vegetation destroyed, use of wind fences and/or addition of hay bales to break up the wind flow are all fairly simple and inexpensive. Rather than follow the recommendations of the California Geological Survey and Desert Research Institute scientists (provided in 2007 and 2011), the park management has decided to do more studies.

We respectfully request that you consider our health and issue a finding that San Luis

Obispo County is in non-attainment for PM10. It is very likely that in May and June more federal exceedances will occur as we have had little rain this year. Please send a response to our request, so we may inform our members of your decision. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Concerned Citizens for Clean Air

Enclosures
March 22, 2013 letter from APCD
Forecast Zone Brochure
CARB daily PM10 chart for 2012 and 2013
Desert Research Institute Executive Summary
CGS Vegetated Islands Report (selected pages)

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