APPENDIX E

EXAMPLES OF LETTERS – LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
REQUESTING THE SCAQMD TO SERVE AS LEAD AGENCY
FOR THE CaRFG2 REFINERY PROJECTS UNDER CEQA

South Coast
AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
21865 E. Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4182 (714) 396-2000

June 11, 1992

Tom Markin
ARCO Products Company
P.O. Box 6210
1801 East Sepulveda Boulevard
Carson, California 90749

Dear Mr. Markin,

To further reduce motor vehicle emissions in California, the Air Resources Board (ARB) has adopted regulations to maximize emission reductions by establishing new, stringent vehicle exhaust emission and fuel quality standards. Phase 1 of the fuel quality standards requires gasoline to meet a set of specifications to reduce emissions from the existing vehicle fleet without requiring major process changes by refineries. Phase 2 requires more stringent specifications effective 1996. Refineries may have to modify existing equipment or install new equipment to comply with the Phase 2 regulations.

[redacted] specific fuel quality standards, the ARB does not have [redacted]

If the SCAQMD is to act as lead agency for your project and an environmental impact report is required, SCAQMD requests that you select a consultant, subject to SCAQMD approval, to prepare the document. When acting as the lead agency, SCAQMD must exercise substantial review of a CEQA document as it is being prepared and prior to its public release [state CEQA Guidelines Section 15084(e)]. All requests for EIR consultant approval should be submitted in writing to Cindy S. Greenwald, Manager, Office of Planning and Technology Advancement.

If you have any questions or comments in regard to this matter, please contact Ms. Greenwald at 714-396-3117.

Sincerely,

Alan C. Lloyd, Ph.D.
Chief Scientist

c: Barry R. Wallerstein
Cindy S. Greenwald
Peter Greenwald
Steve Smith
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Hubert Wilson

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September 24, 1992

Ms. Cindy B. Greenwald, Planning Manager
Planning and Technology Advancement
South Coast Air Quality Management District
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RE: Lead Agency Determination - Mobil Clean Fuels Project
Mobil Cogeneration Project

Dear Ms. Greenwald:

We have been asked by Mobil Oil Corporation for concurrence from

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SUBJECT: LEAD AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY FOR CLEAN FUELS PROJECT-
ULTRAMAR INC.

Ultramar Inc has inquired as to whether the City will be assuming

RCD 10-5-92 by Harold Holmes
cc: POV JZM
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Ultramar

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October 1, 1992

Via Federal Express

South Coast Air Quality Management District
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Attention: Ms. Cindy S. Greenwald, Planning Manager
Office of Planning and Technology Advancement

Dear Ms. Greenwald:

In response to your letter dated August 4, 1992, we have contacted the City of Los Angeles and the California Coastal Commission. These respective agencies have prepared and forwarded a letter to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) regarding lead agency responsibility under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for Ultramar's Clean Fuels Program projects. These letters relay each agency's basis as to why the SCAQMD is the appropriate lead agency for CEQA review. For your convenience, a copy of each letter is enclosed with this letter.

Based on our evaluation of these letters, Ultramar renews its request for the SCAQMD to act as lead agency.

Due to a strict time schedule of Federal and California Clean Fuels requirements, CEQA review must proceed with all due haste. Please notify us as soon as possible of the SCAQMD's decision and, hopefully, Ultramar's contact person at the SCAQMD in regard to lead agency authority.

If you would like to discuss this matter in more detail, please call me at (310) 491-6615.

Sincerely,

Ultramar Inc.

Jason R. Lee
Environmental, Safety, and PSM Manager
Clean Fuels Program

CC: R. Blanchfield, CCC
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August 21, 1992

Cindy S. Greenwald
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Subject: Lead Agency Responsibility for Ultramar's "Clean Fuel Projects"

Dear Cindy:

We have received a copy of your letter (August 4, 1992) to Mr. Jason Lee, regarding lead agency responsibility for the Ultramar "clean fuel projects".

For this particular project, we believe The California Coastal Commission is not the appropriate agency to assume the lead agency role in the CEQA review process for the Ultramar "clean fuel projects". Coastal Act section 30253(3) requires that "[n]ew development hall ...[b]e consistent with requirements imposed by an *air pollution control district* or the State Air Resources Control Board as to each particular development" (emphasis added). Thus, SCAQMD permit requirements are first required before the Commission can make its findings for the issuance of the Coastal Development Permit.

In addition, this project is mandated by the Clean Air Act of 1990. The most significant issues for this particular project have more to do with air quality impacts than with land use or other coastal resource impacts.

We, therefore, believe SCAQMD is the most appropriate agency to assume the lead agency responsibility for this particular project, pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15051. With regard to the CEQA review process, the Coastal Commission's permit review process is certified pursuant to Public Resources Code 21080.5 (14 CCR section 15251(c)).

If you have any questions you may contact me at 415-904-5240.

Sincerely,

Susan Hansch
Manager, Energy and Ocean Resources Unit

cc: J. Lee
P. Venturini
R. Holquin