

Theresa Livingston
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Board Members

My name is Theresa Livingston and I'm with Sierra Pacific Industries in Eureka CA. We operate a small log & chip handling facility at the Port of Humboldt. We have been complying with the MCH regulation since 2007. We have installed VDECS and removed nearly half of our equipment in order to comply. We have requested and obtained all of the extensions allowed in the regulation. The current economic conditions will not allow us to replace machinery and there are no VDECS available for the remaining equipment. Unless the proposed amendments are accepted, we will be required to eliminate key equipment by the end of this year and the last of our equipment by the end of 2012.

We appreciate CARB staff's efforts to address the unique situation that exist at the Port of Humboldt. Cherie Rainsforth and her staff have worked diligently to prepare the proposed amendments that will accommodate struggling businesses at our port while still achieving air quality objectives. We know it hasn't been an easy task, and we appreciate the time and effort they have given our situation. We support the proposed amendments, and would like to encourage the board to do the same.

Thank you,