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Subject:

PM2.5 Monitoring Network Deficiency Near Salton Sea

Dear Mr. Kracov,

SWAPE reviewed EPA air data from EPA Interactive Map (http://www.epa.gov/airdata/ad\_maps.html) in addition to the *Draft Imperial County 2013 State Implementation Plan for the 2006 24-Hour PM2.5 Moderate Nonattainment Area* (the "SIP"), the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District *Ambient Air Monitoring Annual Network Plan* (the "Monitoring Plan"), EPA's October 24, 2014 Approval Letter and Comments on the monitoring plan, and other outside sources. Results of this review, including summaries of important findings in the document, figures, comments, and conclusions, are reported in this memo.

Findings in the SIP conclude that the Imperial Valley area would in attainment, if not for exceedances in Calexico caused by foreign emissions. The SIP claims that emissions from Mexicali, Mexico cross the international border and pollute the city of Calexico. While this may be a predominantly a valid conclusion, the PM2.5 monitoring network is currently insufficient to determine if the remainder of Imperial County would be in attainment.

**Table 2.2** and **Figure 2.3** from the SIP, below, provide clear evidence of Mexico's contributions to PM2.5 levels. Calexico Ethel station, which is less than one mile from the international border and Mexicali, has annual PM2.5 levels that are roughly twice as high as those in El Centro and Brawley, 8 and 12 miles from the border respectively. The 24 hour max PM2.5 level in Calexico was much higher as well for each year. Observe in **Figure 2.3** that there is a monitoring station north of Brawley in Niland, however it does not measure PM2.5. Without this station, the air quality is not categorized well spatially. This station would be especially important due to its proximity to the Salton Sea.

Table 2.2 PM<sub>2,5</sub> Site Type/Locations 24 HR ANN Site Location Site Type µg/m³ µg/m³ Year 2010 Calexico Ethel **Highest Concentration** 50.9 12.8 El Centro Typical Concentration 19.9 6.6 Background/Transport 16.2 6.2 Brawley 2011 Calexico Ethel **Highest Concentration** 80.3 13.5 El Centro Typical Concentration 54.4 7.5 7.1 Brawley Background/Transport 37 2012 Calexico Ethel **Highest Concentration** 64.7 14.4 7.5 El Centro Typical Concentration 26.4 Brawley Background/Transport 25.9 8.1

Figure 2.3 Imperial County Ambient Air Monitoring Stations



According to NAAQS regulations presented in **Table 21** from the Monitoring Plan, Imperial County, with a population of less than 200,000, only requires one PM2.5 monitoring station. Imperial County currently has three. If one considers the Mexicali area's population as well as Imperial County's as part

of one metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the total population is well above one million. This would require 3 monitoring stations for PM2.5, which is how many currently exist.

The Monitoring Plan also states on page 21, "Because each area has its own unique sources of pollutants and controls the number of stations is ultimately determined jointly by US EPA and the State." Imperial County's unique sources of pollutants mean that, although already going above and beyond the minimum regulated requirements, another PM2.5 monitoring station may be needed.

TABLE 21 PM <sub>2.5</sub> MINIMUM MONITORING REQUIREMENTS		
MSA POPULATION	MOST RECENT 3-YEAR DESIGN VALUE CONCENTRATION ≥85% OF ANY PM <sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS	MOST RECENT 3-YEAR DESIGN VALUE CONCENTRATIONS <85% OF ANY PM <sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS
> 1 million	3	2
500,000 - 1 million	2	1
50,000 - <500,000	1	0

The Salton Sea represents a unique source of pollutants to Imperial County. It is the largest lake in California with an area of 376 square miles. While there is much discussion of restoration plans, the future of Sea is perilous. Under current agreements, more water will be diverted from the Sea, causing the water level to drop. Much like Owens Lake and Mono Lake in California, as the Salton Sea dries up, silt and sediment will be exposed. The Salton Sea is expected to drop 20 feet over the next twenty years, exposing more than 100 square miles of dry lakebed. Fine windblown dust is expected to increase by 33%. As the water level continues to drop, more dry lakebed will be exposed, meaning this problem may increase with time.

Windblown dust causes Mono Lake and Owens Lake to consistently have the highest PM10 levels in the country.<sup>3</sup> While these dried up sediments mainly contribute to PM10, these fugitive dust will also comprise of PM2.5 and increase PM2.5 concentrations nearby. EPA air data for PM2.5 monitoring near Owens Lake in Keeler show elevated concentrations. However, there is no PM2.5 monitoring station close enough to Mono Lake or the Salton Sea to characterize the PM2.5 impacts of the drying lakes.

The nearest PM2.5 monitoring stations to the Salton Sea are roughly 12 miles to the southeast in Brawley and 16 miles to the northwest in Indio. There is a monitoring station to the southeast of Niland which is only 3 miles east of the Salton Sea. Adding a PM2.5 monitor at the Niland location would improve the monitoring network to more accurately characterize the air quality in Imperial County. It is difficult to claim the Imperial Valley, not including Calexico, is attainment without a PM2.5 monitoring station near the Salton Sea.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Salton Sea Authority. Fascinating Facts about the Fabulous Salton Sea.

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#### Closure

Considering the impending threat of fugitive dust from California's largest lake, the Imperial Valley needs to expand its PM2.5 monitoring network to characterize both current and potentially worsening future conditions. The Salton Sea is drying up and exposed sediments may be increasing nearby PM2.5 concentrations, although the extent is difficult to quantity without empirical data. An additional PM2.5 monitor should be added, perhaps in Niland, to characterize emissions from the Salton Sea.

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Ph.D. Soil Chemistry, University of Washington, 1999. Dissertation on volatile organic compound filtration. M.S. Environmental Science, U.C. Berkeley, 1995. Thesis on organic waste economics. B.A. Environmental Studies, U.C. Santa Barbara, 1991. Thesis on wastewater treatment.

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Dr. Rosenfeld is the Co-Founder and Principal Environmental Chemist at Soil Water Air Protection Enterprise (SWAPE). His focus is the fate and transport of environmental contaminants, risk assessment, and ecological restoration. Dr. Rosenfeld has a doctorate in soil chemistry and has evaluated odors from biosolid applications to soil and the effect of biosolids to agricultural crops. Dr. Rosenfeld has also evaluated odor emissions from the compost and food industry. His project experience includes monitoring and modeling of pollution sources as they relate to human and ecological health. Dr. Rosenfeld has investigated and designed remediation programs and risk assessments for contaminated sites containing petroleum, chlorinated solvents, pesticides, radioactive waste, PCBs, PAHs, dioxins, furans, volatile organics, semi-volatile organics, perchlorate, heavy metals, asbestos, PFOA, unusual polymers, MtBE, fuel oxygenates and odor. Dr. Rosenfeld has also evaluated and modeled emissions from fracking, boilers, incinerators and other industrial and agricultural sources relating to nuisance and personal injury.

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