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Ms. Liane M. Randolph, Chair
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Madam Chairman:

SUBJECT: NAVY COMMENTS ON THE SAN DIEGO PORTSIDE COMMUNITY EMISSION
REDUCTION PLAN

The Navy is a strong proponent of the goals of the Assembly Bill 617 program to reduce air pollution impacting vulnerable communities and fully recognizes the importance of implementing the Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP). As an active participant of the San Diego Portside Environmental Justice Neighborhoods Community's (Portside Community) Steering Committee from its inception, we have provided significant contributions and fully endorse the CERP as an important vehicle to reduce emissions impacting the Portside Community. Our contributions include partnering with the San Diego Air Pollution Control District (SDAPCD) to install an ambient monitoring station at Naval Base San Diego (NBSD); implementation of the Navy's directive for ship-to-shore power that avoids 4000 tons of air emissions annually; collaborations with both Caltrans and San Diego Association of Governments to improve vehicular traffic around the Portside Community; and a joint sponsorship of the Vesta Bridge proposal, a \$60 million project designed to improve traffic flow and reduce vehicle miles traveled along Harbor Drive and 32nd Street.

We appreciate the productive meetings we have had with California Air Resources Board (CARB) staff to discuss future refinements to the CERP. We request your continued support in prioritizing the review of more recent data sets related to hexavalent chromium (Cr6) emissions attributed to stationary and non-stationary sources for inclusion in future CERP updates. We believe accurate data will result in the most effective emissions reduction policies to the benefit of the Portside Community and all those invested in the success of the CERP. The Navy appreciates its long-standing and mutually beneficial relationship with CARB and the SDAPCD, and we look forward to continuing to work with you in support of the CERP and the Portside Community.

My point of contact on the Portside CERP is Mr. Brian Gordon, the Navy Region Southwest Shore Installation Environmental Program Manager. He can be reached at (619) 705-6700 or via e-mail: brian.gordon@navy.mil.

Sincerely,


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