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Mr. Jared Blumenfeld
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Dear Mr. Blumenfeld:

The Air Resources Board (ARB) hereby submits the Imperial County 2009 1997 8-Hour Ozone Modified Air Quality Management Plan (2009 Ozone Plan) and the 2009 Reasonably Available Control Technology State Implementation Plan (2009 RACT SIP) to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) as revisions to California's State Implementation Plan (SIP).

On December 3, 2009, U.S. EPA promulgated a clean data finding for Imperial County, indicating that the County's air quality now complies with the 1997 8-hour ozone national ambient air quality standard. This action suspended certain Clean Air Act (CAA) requirements that Imperial County would have had to address as a moderate ozone nonattainment area.

On July 13, 2010, the Imperial County Air Pollution Control Board adopted the 2009 Ozone Plan and 2009 RACT SIP to fulfill CAA requirements that were not suspended by the clean data finding and to fulfill RACT requirements for moderate nonattainment areas. ARB approved both plans on November 18, 2010.

This package consists of five copies of the materials identified below.

I) A July 2010, letter from Mr. Brad Poiriez, Air Pollution Control Officer, to Mr. James N. Goldstene, ARB Executive Officer, transmitting:

- 2009 Ozone Plan.
- 2009 RACT SIP.

- Imperial County Staff Report for the 2009 Ozone Plan and 2009 RACT SIP.
- Minute Order (Board Approval).
- Official affidavit of publication of the Hearing Notice for the Imperial County 2009 Ozone Plan and RACT SIP, both dated June 13, 2010.

II) Public meeting notice for the ARB November 18, 2010 public meeting to consider approval of the Imperial County 2009 1997- 8-Hour Ozone Modified Air Quality Management Plan and 2009 RACT SIP.

III) ARB staff report for the Imperial County 2009 Ozone Plan and 2009 RACT SIP.

IV) ARB Resolution 10-35 adopting the Imperial County 2009 Ozone Plan and 2009 RACT SIP.

V) SIP Completeness Checklists for 2009 Ozone Plan and 2009 RACT SIP.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Lynn Terry, Deputy Executive Officer, at (916) 322-2739, or have your staff contact Mr. Douglas Ito, Chief, Air Quality and Transportation Planning Branch, at (916) 322-0285.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

cc: See next page.

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