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Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the Proposed San Fernando Valley Family Support Center (SCH NO. 2011041035)

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The following comments are meant as guidance for the Lead Agency and should be incorporated into the Final CEQA document.

In the project description, the lead agency proposes the construction of a 250,330 square foot office building and associated five-level parking structure on a 6.78 acre site. In the Air Quality Section, the lead agency quantified the project's construction and operation air quality impacts and determined that short-term air quality impacts exceed the AQMD recommended daily regional significance thresholds for NO_x and VOC. Starting on page 5.2-18, the lead agency included mitigation measures to reduce those impacts. In order to reduce these impacts further, the lead agency should consider additional mitigation that would reduce emissions from soil haul trucks, which are the largest source. This could include use of only 2010 or newer trucks (for approximately a 90% reduction in NO_x) and if those are not available, use only 2007 or newer trucks (for approximately a 45% reduction in NO_x).

Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21092.5, please provide the AQMD with written responses to comments contained herein prior to the adoption of the Final Environmental Impact Report. The AQMD staff is available to work with the Lead Agency to address these issues and any other air quality questions that may arise. Please contact Gordon Mize, Air Quality Specialist – CEQA Section, at (909) 396-3302, if you have any questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ian V. MacMillan".

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