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Dr. William A. Burke
Chairman
South Coast Air Quality Management
District Governing Board
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Dear Chairman Burke and the Governing Board:

I am writing to express my support of SCAQMD Proposed Rule 1410 banning the use of hydrofluoric acid, and modified hydrofluoric acid in refineries.

I believe that the use of these chemicals presents a clear and present danger to the community. The ongoing use of hydrofluoric acid, even in a modified form is not compatible with the residential neighborhoods surrounding the refineries, nor with the health and safety of the workers employed at these facilities.

The effects and consequences of an accidental release of these chemicals and other living things is severe and well documented and constitutes too great a risk in our community.

Rule 1410 was originally adopted in April, 1991, by a unanimous vote of the SCAQMD governing board. The adoption of the rule was invalidated by the Superior Court for failing to take public comments for thirty days (a technicality).

My most fervent wish is to have the Governing Board of the South Coast Air Quality Management District compete the rule making process and ban the use of hydrofluoric acid and modified hydrofluoric acid alkylation.

Finally, I want to thank the Governing Board for consideration of this rulemaking process. I have steadfastly maintained that this issue was within your jurisdiction. Purview, as it was 26 years ago.

Sincerely,

Kurt Weideman
Councilmember, City of Torrance