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October 16, 2003

Catherine Witherspoon
Executive Officer
California Air Resources Board
Post Office Box 2815
Sacramento, Ca 95812

Dear Ms. Witherspoon:

As we reach the end of the 2003 ozone season, I am pleased to report that the Bay Area Air Quality Management District has compiled a three-year record of attainment for the national one-hour ozone standard. Based on monitoring data, a finding of attainment would be appropriate.

We have completed a preliminary review of the summer 2003 ozone monitoring data from all of our stations, and will complete the formal quality assurance process within three weeks. We will notify your Planning and Technical Support staff when we have submitted the balance of our 2003 ozone data into EPA's air quality database.

We are continuing our air quality planning and rule development work in order to achieve additional reductions in ozone precursor emissions. We want to reduce local ozone and transport, and to maintain progress toward the state standard. The District's and ARB's staffs have been working intensively on the modeling and rule review phases of our mid-course review for the 2004 ozone planning process.

Frequent communication with your staff is a necessary and beneficial part of our modeling effort, and we will consult with your air monitoring section on submittal of our 2003 ozone data.

Sincerely,

William C. Norton

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c: Matt Haber, EPA, Interim Air Division Director
Bay Area Air District Board of Directors