



February 17, 2012

Jack Broadbent  
Director  
Bay Area Air Quality Management District  
939 Ellis Street  
San Francisco, CA 94109

Re: Proposed Regulation for Portland Cement Manufacturing Facilities

Dear Mr. Broadbent:

It is our understanding that the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAMQD) is considering adoption of Regulation 9, Rule 13 to achieve the maximum feasible, cost effective emissions reductions of Oxides of Nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>), Particulate Matter (PM) and other toxic air contaminants. On behalf of the City Council of the Town of Los Altos Hills, I would like to express our wholehearted support for the District's efforts to regulate cement manufacturing facility emissions. We have strong concerns with regard to cement plant emissions because of the Town's proximity to the Lehigh Cement Company's quarry and cement processing operations in neighboring Cupertino. The scope of the proposed rule appears to ensure that the Lehigh facility will comply with current and future emission limits for toxic air contaminants (TACs) consistent with the National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP). The Los Altos Hills City Council completely agrees with BAAMQD's objective in order to protect the health of our citizens.

Many of our citizen complaints and concerns are regarding the detrimental health effects from the emissions from the plant. The Bay Area is in "non-attainment" for ambient levels of ozone and PM. Because NO<sub>x</sub> contributes to the formation of ozone, and SO<sub>2</sub> contributes to increased levels of PM, reducing emissions of these pollutants would help the Bay Area achieve attainment status. This would make the air we breathe healthier for everyone.

It is the opinion of the City Council that maximum feasible, cost effective emission limits can be found in the EPA's new source performance standards for new and modified existing cement plants. Regardless of whether Lehigh meets the legal definition of a modified existing plant, it is in a densely populated area. Thus, this Council strongly

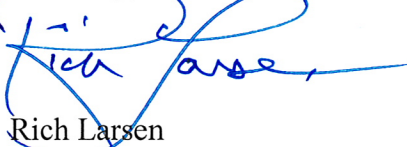
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urges the BAAQMD Board to adopt the more stringent new and modified standards for Portland cement manufacturing facilities.

Air pollution drives up health care costs as well as human suffering. By applying the emission limits found in the new source performance standards to Lehigh, we believe these impacts to our citizens would be reduced.

The support and ongoing work of the District and staff in protecting and improving our air quality is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rich Larsen", with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right. The signature is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Rich Larsen  
Mayor, Los Altos Hills