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December 22, 2016

Edward Camarena, Chairman
South Coast Air Quality Management Division
Hearing Board
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, California 91765

Dear Chairman Camarena:

We are writing to respectfully urge your Board to expeditiously and carefully consider the South Coast Air Quality Management Division's (SCAQMD) Petition for Order of Abatement that seeks to have Anaplex Corporation (Anaplex) and Aerocraft Heat Treating Company, Inc. (Aerocraft), in the City of Paramount, cease its non-compliant operations or take the necessary risk reduction actions.

The South Coast Air Quality Management Division discovered hexavalent chromium, a known human carcinogen, several hundred times greater in the areas surrounding Anaplex and Aerocraft than the typical background levels in Paramount. In response, on November 29, 2016, the SCAQMD petitioned your Board for an Order of Abatement to require the two facilities to take specific actions or to shut down its operation. Concurrent with the SCAQMD petition, on December 1, 2016, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health exercised its duties as the City's Public Health Officer to direct the two facilities to take all necessary actions to eliminate the endangerment to the public, including the partial or complete suspension of operations.

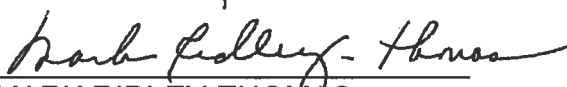
The Department of Public Health reports that breathing high levels of hexavalent chromium for a long period of time can increase a person's risk of developing lung and nasal cancers; cause nose, throat, or lung irritation, shortness of breath or trouble breathing, and nasal sores.

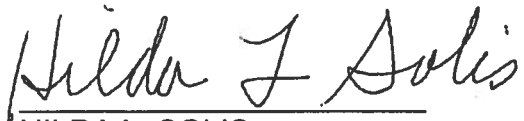
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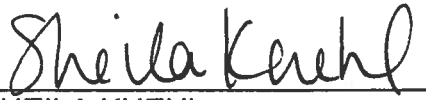
The County of Los Angeles continues to work closely with the SCAQMD to assess the potential health risk to workers and residents in the adjoining community, and to conduct investigations aimed at identifying the facilities contributing to the elevated chromium levels. We respectfully urge your Board to expeditiously and carefully consider the SCAQMD's Petition for Order of Abatement.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,


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