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Dear Mr. Burke, Chair, AQMD:

I am a private citizen, residing in the city of Long Beach. After reading several articles on the board's recent action regarding the refineries in Wilmington and Torrance, I felt compelled to voice my displeasure at the board's recent action.

It appears that all but the these two refineries, in one of the most populated areas of the state, are the only two refineries to continue to use the highly flammable and toxic chemical, due to cost, I presume.

Cost over potential loss of lives and debilitation of human life? I'd say not a wager the good people of the area want their officials to make for them. I'm not comfortable with the decision, and I'm out of the immediate area of concern, but I'm sure not for long, when an explosion happens, what with the winds in the area.

I'm going to give you the benefit and think you are doing your best, but for whom? Someone has to make tough decisions that keep people safe, and if other refineries can do without this catastrophic chemical, so can the local refineries. The time was now for a change, and the ball was dropped. →

I certainly hope this chemical is eliminated soon, before people must suffer its ill effects and the board and refineries are held accountable.

I look forward to your reply stating your reasons of why these refineries have been allowed to continue with this dangerous chemical.

Sincerely,

Ms. Thera Jane Mercer
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