



April 24, 2018

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

Dear Chairman Burke and 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 present a clear and present danger to the community. The ongoing use of hydrofluoric acid, even in 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 on all living things are severe and well documented, and constitute 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 mere technicality).

My most fervent wish is to have the Governing Board of the South Coast Air Quality Management District complete the rule-making process and ban the use of hydrofluoric acid and modified hydrofluoric acid alkylation and accelerate implementation of Rule 1180, the fence line and community air monitoring requirements for petroleum refineries, to ensure the region is protected.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "ALB ROBLES". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

Albert Robles
Mayor