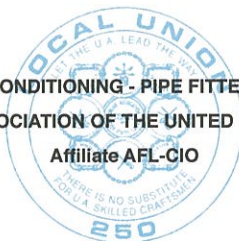


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January 15, 2018

The Honorable William Burke  
Chair of the Governing Board  
South Coast Air Quality Management District  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

## RE: PR 1410 Oppose MHF Ban/Phase Out

Dear Dr. Burke:

I am writing to you on behalf of the 5,200 members of Steamfitters Local Union 250. Local 250 is in **strong opposition** to any ban or phase out of modified hydrofluoric acid (MHF).

If a ban on MHF occurs, thousands of jobs would be lost in the Wilmington and Torrance area. Many of these jobs belong to fellow building trades members who support their families working in the refining industry and live in the surrounding community.

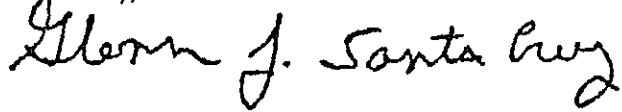
Banning MHF would be an irresponsible reaction to the pressures of an extremist political agenda by a small group of elitist activists who are focused on shutting down California's oil and gas industry without considering the human cost. The oil and gas industry supports millions of jobs in Southern California and billions of dollars in tax revenue for local and state programs and essential services.

Participating in the destruction of an industry that supports so many without any substantiated research is bad public policy. The use of MHF has been occurring locally for decades under permit by the AQMD. The research has shown that the use of MHF is safe and the refineries in Wilmington and Torrance have invested in state of the art safety equipment to ensure the continued safe use.

Like you, I have a strong interest in safety at these refineries. Our members not only work in these facilities but also live in the communities that host them. Their safety and the future of the oil and gas industry are not mutually exclusive. We would all be better suited spending our energy supporting public policy that supports local jobs and chases threats to public safety that are proven to exist.

Please support our member's jobs in the oil and gas industry and on behalf of all Local 250 members, please **reject a ban or phase out of MHF.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glenn J. Santa Cruz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'G' and 'C'.

Glenn J. Santa Cruz  
Bus.Mgr./Fin-Sec'y-Treas.

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