



air pollution control district
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

July 21, 2026

Via Email
Read Receipt Requested

Kimberlee Harding
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**Re: Conditional Approval of 2018 Risk Reduction Audit and Plan for VSFB
Air Toxics “Hot Spots” Information and Assessment Act (AB 2588)**

Dear Kimberlee Harding:

The Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (District) has reviewed your revised Risk Reduction Audit and Plan (RRAP) for inventory year 2018, dated June 1, 2026, for Vandenberg Space Force Base (VSFB), as required by the Air Toxics “Hot Spots” Information and Assessment Act (AB 2588). Based on our review, the District *conditionally approves* the revised RRAP, subject to the condition listed below:

- Provide a photo of the AB 2588 fish advisory sign to the District within 30 days of the signs being made. In addition, submit a photo of each installed sign to the District within 30 days of installation.

The following measure is an enforceable element of the RRAP:

1. Measure 1 – Post AB 2588 Fish Advisory Signs. VSFB shall post AB 2588 fish advisory signs stating “Do Not Eat Fish from this Lake” (Option 3 sign language from the District’s March 12, 2026 letter) at Upper, Middle, and Lower Canyon Lakes, at the locations shown in Appendix D of the RRAP. The Space Launch Delta 30 (SLD 30) Hunting and Fishing Program was suspended indefinitely on January 13, 2026, and no fishing is currently allowed at VSFB. Upon reinstatement of the SLD 30 Hunting and Fishing Program, VSFB shall provide written notification to the District within 30 days and shall post the signs within 90 days.

On June 10, 2026, the District inspected El Rancho Pond and verified that it is not accessible to the public. Therefore, no AB 2588 fish advisory signage is required at El Rancho Pond. As noted in the RRAP, El Rancho Pond shall be removed from the regulation listing as an authorized fishing location in the next revision.

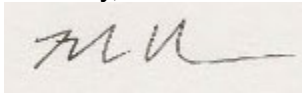
Implementation of the measure noted above will reduce your stationary source’s risk below the District’s significance thresholds based on the 2018 inventory year health risk assessment. With this conditional approval, VSFB’s stationary source residual cancer risk is set to 8.2 in a million, reflecting VSFB’s selection of the Option 3 sign language. This risk level applies both while the suspension of the SLD 30 Hunting and Fishing Program is in place and following its reinstatement, provided that the signs are posted within 90 days of reinstatement. If future updates to the Air Toxics Emission Inventory Plan

(ATEIP) and Air Toxics Emission Inventory Report (ATEIR) show that the risk has increased and exceeds the District's significance thresholds due to throughput changes, process modifications, new equipment, and/or updated emission methodologies, additional risk reduction measures or a revised RRAP may be required.

Please note that failure to implement part or all of the RRAP within the schedule specified in the RRAP is considered a violation of the California Health and Safety Code §44391(a) and may result in enforcement action.

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please contact me at CobbsR@sbcapcd.org or (805) 979-8320.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'RCobbs', is positioned above the typed name.

Robin Cobbs
Engineering Division

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