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Steve Lavagnino, Chair
Board of Directors
Santa Barbara Air Pollution Control District
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Dear Supervisor Lavagnino,

I have recently been contacted by the California Wine Institute regarding its appeal of the Central Coast Wine Services (CCWS) minor source permit issued by the Santa Barbara Air Pollution Control District (APCD). Since the Santa Barbara APCD has an EPA-approved minor NSR program and is the reviewing authority for the CCWS facility, the APCD has primary responsibility over the air permitting at the CCWS facility, including issuance of the minor source NSR permit and its requirements.

Therefore, EPA views this as a local agency decision and defers to the Santa Barbara APCD in making this determination based upon the application of the relevant rules and guidance to the specific facts and circumstances concerning the CCWS facility. It is in this light that EPA's previous statements with respect to the above matters, including our letter of September 30, 2016 to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, as it relates to Santa Barbara's APCD's permit decisions, should be understood.

In short, EPA defers to Santa Barbara APCD's decision regarding the California Wine Institute's appeal. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact me at 415-947-8702, or Elizabeth Adams, Region 9 Acting Air Director, at 415-972-3183.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Stoker".

Michael Stoker
Regional Administrator
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