



# Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District

June 20, 2013

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To: **Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr.**  
 Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard  
**Bob Perciasepe**  
 Acting Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
**Dr. Kerri-Ann Jones**  
 Assistant Secretary of State, U.S. Department of State

Re: Retain Original Deadline of 2016 for NOx Standards in the North American Emission Control Area

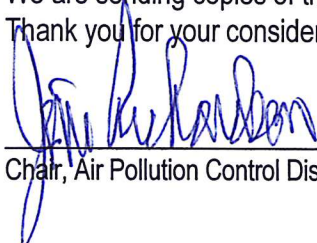
Dear Commandant Papp, Acting Administrator Perciasepe, and Assistant Secretary Jones:

The Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (District) Board of Directors is concerned about the recent action by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Marine Environment Protection Committee proposing a delay of five years for the implementation of nitrogen oxides (NOx) standards in Emission Control Areas, including the North American Area. We understand the U.S. delegation voted against the proposed delay, but delegations from other countries prevailed.

The Committee will take final action on this item in March of 2014, and **we urge the U.S. delegation to vigorously oppose the proposed delay and pursue retention of the original deadline of 2016.**

NOx is a precursor to ozone and Santa Barbara County does not attain the California state standard for ozone, and only attains the federal ozone standard by a slim margin. Large ships are a major source of NOx in our county. Without regulatory authority over these ship engines, the District relies on international regulations to achieve reductions from this huge source of NOx emissions. We urge you to make forceful efforts to retain the original deadline of 2016.

We are sending copies of this letter to a number of individuals, see list next page. Thank you for your consideration.




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Chair, Air Pollution Control District Board

Clerk of the APCD Board:

Louis D. Van Mullem, Jr.



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Letter from Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District Board of Directors to the U.S. Delegation to the International Maritime Organization

**cc:**

U.S. Congresswoman Lois Capps

U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer

U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein

Jeffrey Lantz, Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards, U.S. Coast Guard

Evan Bloom, Director of Office of Ocean and Polar Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Bill Charmley, Director, Assessment and Standards Division, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Rear Admiral Paul A. Sohl, Commander, Naval Air Warfare Center, Weapons Division, U.S. Navy

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Joseph Cox, President & CEO, Chamber of Shipping of America

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