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Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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Sent via fax to: (415) 928-8560

Re: Shell Gas Station Permit Application #2136

Dear Mr. Norton:

On behalf of parents, students and concerned community members residing near the Shell gas station located at 4298 Mission Street in San Francisco, I am writing to issue the following demands regarding the permit application #2136 to increase fuel throughput at that site:

1. The Air District must rescind the permit that was approved on 11/1/02 because inadequate public notice was given about the permit application and the expected negative health impact on nearby residents.
 - No materials were available in other languages even though the impacted community is over 50% foreign-born and limited/non-English speaking.
 - Notices were not sent to residents within 1,000 feet of the site as required.
 - Relevant documents were not available at the 3 school sites and staff members at those sites were not prepared to assist with the public notice process as specified in the public notice dated 8/15/02.
2. The permit process and public comment period must be re-opened for 30 days to allow for impacted residents, including limited/non-English speaking immigrants, to comment on the permit decision.
3. The Air District must send out public notices in English, Spanish and Chinese to all residents within 2,000 feet of the site.

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4. Bill Norton, the Air District's Interim Executive Officer and other staff with decision-making authority over the permit application and those responsible for implementing the public notice requirements must meet with concerned residents on Wednesday, November 13, 2002 from 6:30-8:30pm at San Francisco Community School, 125 Excelsior Street.

Please respond to me by phone at (415) 722-5614 or in writing to the above address or fax number.

Sincerely,

Gordon Mar
Executive Director

cc: People Organizing to Demand Environmental and Economic Rights
San Francisco Community School Parent Action Committee
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Chris Daly, San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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