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Dr. William Burke, Chairman
South Coast Air Quality Management District
District Governing Board
21865 Copley Drive
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RE: Use of Modified Hydrofluoric Acid at Torrance Refinery

Dear Chairman Burke,

At its regularly scheduled City Council meeting of Tuesday March 6, 2018, the Redondo Beach City Council deliberated on providing an opinion on the use of modified hydrofluoric acid (MHF) at the Torrance refinery. The Council meeting was well attended by various stakeholders including concerned residents and representatives from the Torrance Refining Company. A variety of views were shared on the use of MHF at the Torrance refinery.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Redondo Beach City Council unanimously voted to take a position banning the use of MHF at the Torrance refinery. The use of this potentially lethal substance at the refinery presents a safety hazard that puts residents of Redondo Beach as well as many other neighboring communities at significant risk. Our residents should not have to live in fear for their health and safety due to the refinery's use of MHF in its operations.

On behalf of the Redondo Beach City Council, we urge the SCAQMD to adopt a ban on the use of MHF in order to improve protections for refinery workers, residents of surrounding neighborhoods and the environment.

Sincerely,

William C. Brand