

APPENDIX F:

**EPA's Approval the Fresno-First Air
Monitoring Site Relocation**

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Ms. Karen Magliano
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Air Resources Board
California Environmental Protection Agency
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Dear Ms. Magliano:

This letter transmits our approval of the California Air Resources Board's request to move the NCore station from the First Street site in Fresno, AQS # 06-019-0008, to a new location approximately a quarter mile to the north, AQS # 06-019-0011, as required by the Ambient Air Monitoring Regulations. According to these rules (see 40 CFR 58.11(c)), NCore network design and changes must be approved by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Administrator. This authority has been delegated to the Director of the Air Quality Assessment Division in EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards.

In considering approving the move of the NCore monitoring station, we worked with EPA Region 9 on a review of your request, including the rationale of why the First Street NCore station could no longer be supported, and assessed the location and characteristics of the area at the new location to be monitored. We especially appreciate the time and effort that went into the one-month parallel field study that was conducted in January 2012 for PM_{2.5} and ozone, as this demonstrated the consistency of the two locations. After careful consideration of your request to move the site, we are pleased to approve the new location for this station as part of the NCore network.

We understand the NCore station at the new location has been fully operational since early last year. Thank you for your program's efforts in working through the issues of having to move the NCore station and establish the new site. For any technical questions, you may contact Tim Hanley at hanley.tim@epa.gov and 919-541-4417.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard A. Wayland".

Richard A. Wayland
Director
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