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Bill Zumwalt, Director
Kings County Planning Agency
Government Center
1400 W. Lacey Blvd.
Hanford, CA 93230

Subject: Notice of Preparation for an Environmental Impact Report for the Revised Dairy Element of the Kings County General Plan

Dear Mr. Zumwalt:

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (District) has reviewed the Notice of Preparation (NOP) referenced above and offers the following comments:

We recognize that since the April 27, 2001 comment deadline has passed, the District's comments may not be considered. The recent proposals for large dairies in Kings County and in other Valley counties highlighted the need to identify the air quality impacts of continued expansion of the dairy industry. The District supports the inclusion of air quality as one of the major issues to be analyzed in the Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR).

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There have been several EIRs prepared recently for Valley dairy projects and county confined animal ordinances and management plans. These documents contain excellent discussion and analysis of emission factors used to determine the level of impact from dairy operations and on the effectiveness of control measures and management practices designed to reduce odor and emissions of criteria pollutants. The District can provide references for these documents if needed.

The air quality section of the PEIR should use information provided in the District's *Guide for Assessing and Mitigating Air Quality Impacts (GAMAQI)*. The GAMAQI provides a complete description of the regulatory environment and existing conditions for air quality in the San Joaquin Valley.

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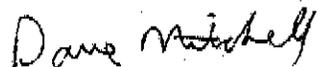
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District staff is available to meet with you to discuss air quality issues. If you have any questions or require further information, please call me at (559) 230-5807.

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Sincerely,



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