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Mr. John Moreno
City Manager
City of Paramount
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Dear Mr. Moreno:

The staff of the South Coast Air Quality Management District has reviewed the four letters sent by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health to four metal-working facilities in the City of Paramount that you have provided. The four facilities that received letters are Press Forge Company, Mattco Forge, Inc., Carlton Forge Works, and Weber Metals.

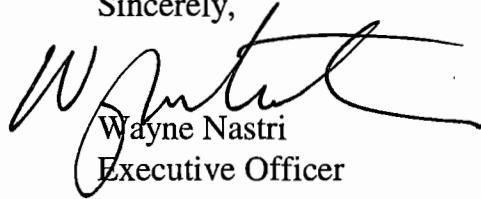
The SCAQMD is currently monitoring near three of these facilities—Mattco, Weber, and Press—for hexavalent chrome emissions. The SCAQMD has conducted monitoring in this area for several months. Although there are occasional elevated readings at the monitors near these facilities, none of the monitors to date have indicated that there is an immediate and on-going risk to public health in this area from hexavalent chrome emissions. In addition to monitoring, SCAQMD staff has conducted numerous inspections at these facilities and has worked with facility operators to institute facility and operational changes that SCAQMD staff believes have reduced emissions of hexavalent chrome in this area. The SCAQMD is continuing to monitor for hexavalent chrome near these facilities and will take immediate enforcement action if the monitors indicate that emissions from any of the facilities are threatening public health.

With regard to Carlton Forge, over a year ago, the SCAQMD conducted monitoring in the area near Carlton Forge for a number of different metals, including hexavalent chrome. Although the monitors indicated elevated levels of hexavalent chrome in the area near Carlton Forge, staff determined that Carlton Forge was not the likely source for those elevated levels. Instead, it was determined that two other Paramount companies, Aerocraft Heat Treating Co., Inc. and Anaplex Corporation, were responsible for the elevated levels of hexavalent chrome. Both Aerocraft and Anaplex

have been operating since early this year under Orders for Abatement issued by the SCAQMD Hearing Board, and the monitored levels of hexavalent chrome near these facilities have been greatly reduced. Carlton Forge also is operating under an Order for Abatement issued by the SCAQMD Hearing Board due to odors from the facility. The SCAQMD is also continuing to inspect Carlton Forge and stands ready to take immediate enforcement action if there is evidence that the facility is threatening public health.

I hope this addresses any question you have about this matter.

Sincerely,



Wayne Nastri
Executive Officer