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Ms. Jayne Dowda
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Dear Ms. Dowda:

This letter provides an explanation of the revision to the Mobile Source Air Toxics (MSAT) analysis conducted for the State Route 11 Project in San Diego, California, and to correct a minor error in the report’s list of references. The discussion in the Air Quality Technical Report originally indicated that the project was categorized as a Level 2 Project, which indicates it is a project with low potential MSAT effects. Subsequent review of the MSAT guidance indicated that because the project includes an intermodal freight facility, the project would be categorized as a Level 3 Project. Level 3 Projects require a quantitative analysis to differentiate alternatives for projects with higher potential MSAT effects.

While the project was originally categorized as a Level 2 project not requiring a quantitative analysis, a quantitative analysis was conducted in the Air Quality Technical Report which provides information to differentiate alternatives as required under the MSAT guidance for Level 3 projects. No change is therefore necessary to the Air Quality Technical Report because the analysis has already been conducted and presented in the report.

With respect to Air Quality Technical Report’s list of references, it should be noted that the South Coast Air Quality Management District document listed there was not used in preparation of the report, and should not have been included in the list of references.

Sincerely,

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Principal