

January 2, 2007

Mr. Antoine Assioun Environmental Engineering Studies 7981 Paseo Membrillo Carlsbad, CA 92009

**Subject:** Old Car Buyback Program Funding Increase

Dear Mr. Assioun:

This letter is in response to the community interest in the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District's (APCD) Old Car Buyback Program and the potential for additional cost-effective emission reductions. As you know, the program officially began on May 1, 2006, and since has qualified close to four hundred eligible vehicles. The current program amount of \$400,000 will retire 396 vehicles, and as we approach this number we would like to take proactive measures to ensure that the program is able to continue without interruptions due to delays in funding allocations.

Condition 3, <u>Grant Funding</u>, of Grant Agreement AP050613, dated March 16, 2006, between the APCD and Environmental Engineering Studies (EES) authorizes the Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO), upon written notice and with your concurrence, to increase the grant funding from the original amount of \$150,000 up to \$250,000. This increase was authorized in a letter from the APCO to you dated May 15, 2006.

On June 15, 2006 the APCD Board approved an additional \$150,000 program increase and authorized the APCO to further increase the program budget by \$100,000 if community interest continues. Pursuant to this condition and your email concurrence on December 20, 2006, the APCD will increase your grant funding from its current amount of \$400,000 to \$500,000 and this letter will constitute the written notice required by the June Board action. If you have any questions, please contact Anthony Fournier of my staff at (805) 961-8874.

Sincerely,

Terry Dressler Air Pollution Control Officer

cc: Linda Alexander, APCD Anthony Fournier, APCD