



August 8, 2017

Via First Class U.S. Mail

Scott Pruitt
Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Washington, DC 20460

RE: Petition to Object No. IX-2014-15

Dear Administrator Pruitt:

On December 16, 2014, Association of Irrigated Residents, Center for Biological Diversity, and the Sierra Club (Petitioners) filed a Petition to Object to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's proposed issuance of an Authority to Construct / Certificate of Conformity for the Alon USA – Bakersfield Refinery Crude Oil Flexibility Project, Facility # S-33 & S-3303, Project # S-1134224 & S-1134223 (Petition No. IX-2014-15). On December 21, 2016, EPA responded to Claim V of the Petition. *See In the Matter of Alon USA - Bakersfield Refinery*, Order on Petition No. IX-2014-15 (December 21, 2016). On July 28, 2017, EPA responded to Claims II and III of the Petition. *See In the Matter of Alon USA - Bakersfield Refinery*, Order on Petition No. IX-2014-15 (July 28, 2017). Pursuant to the terms of a settlement agreement, noticed on October 21, 2016 (81 Fed. Reg. 72804), Petitioners hereby withdraw the remaining sections of the Petition (Sections I and IV).

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Forsyth

cc: Deborah Jordan, Director, U.S. EPA Region 9, via first class U.S. mail
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