PERCHLORATE COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP

August 24, 2005

Mr. Roger Briggs
Executive Officer
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Dear Mr. Briggs;

I am writing on behalf of the Perchlorate Community Advisory Group (PCAG) to express our concern over deadlines being missed by the Olin Corp. As you are well aware, the Llagas Subbasin aquifer supplies drinking water to thousands of Morgan Hill, San Martin and Gilroy residents who are coping with a discharge of perchlorate from a flare manufacturing plant in the City of Morgan Hill.

PCAG was created to be an advocacy and information group for affected residents and liaison with all involved agencies. It has come to our attention that a Regional Water Quality Control Board deadline for water sampling and elevation results has not been met. We, as a community, understand that unforeseen circumstances do occur and that valid explanations for delays may occur. However, we are concerned that even short delays such as this one can have an overall negative impact on the multi-year process of cleaning the aquifer and bringing peace of mind back to those who are affected.

While it is our understanding that the Regional Board is limited in how it applies punitive measures and that some delays may go unpunished, we feel that the Board and Regional Board Staff need to know that residents have serious concerns about this matter. In light of the current missed deadlines and the basin characterization map also outstanding, we request that this matter receive your very close supervision and attention.

I appreciate this opportunity to write to you on behalf of PCAG, and invite you to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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