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**Natomas Levee Improvement Program (NLIP), Phase 4a Landside Improvements Project, Draft EIS/EIR (SAC200701184e)**

Dear Mr. Bassett and Ms. Holland:

The Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD) staff reviewed the NLIP Phase 4a Landside Improvements Project Draft EIS/EIR and offers the following comments.

***Greenhouse Gases (GHG)***

No GHG emission reduction measures have been identified for this phase or previous NLIP phases. The SMAQMD's draft *Guide to Air Quality Assessment in Sacramento County*, July 2009, suggests best management practices (BMPs) to reduce GHG emissions from construction projects. Although some of the BMPs are not easily quantifiable and some may not be applicable to this project, including the BMPs that are practical as mitigation for this project would highlight the importance of reducing GHG emissions and provide some level of reduction. The draft BMPs can be found at the following website:

[www.airquality.org/ceqa/cequguideupdate/Ch6FinalConstructionGHGReductions.pdf](http://www.airquality.org/ceqa/cequguideupdate/Ch6FinalConstructionGHGReductions.pdf)

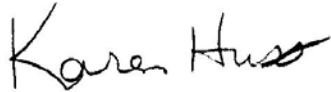
***Appendix F Air Quality Modeling Results***

Phase 3 emissions were included in Table 4.11-1, Summary of Maximum Daily Emissions, but they do not appear in Appendix F. Phase 2 emissions were included in a summary format, but not Phase 3 emissions.

The emissions calculations provided don't clearly show the 909.6 pounds/day of NO<sub>x</sub> emissions for the Sacramento East Levee Reaches 10-15 portion of the project. It appears data is missing. Please include in the final EIS/EIR.

Thank you for considering these comments. Please contact me at 916-874-4881 or [khuss@airquality.org](mailto:khuss@airquality.org) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Huss". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underlining the name.

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