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Mr. Jared Blumenfeld
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Dear Mr. Blumenfeld:

The Air Resources Board (ARB) is submitting to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) the 2013 PM2.5 Plan (Plan) for the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District (District). The District adopted the Plan on December 2, 2014 and transmitted it to ARB on December 9, 2014. ARB approved the Plan on December 18, 2014 as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Imperial County.

This package consists of one hard copy and one compact disk of the following materials:

I. December 9, 2014 letter from Mr. Brad Poiriez, Air Pollution Control Officer for the District, to Mr. Richard Corey, ARB Executive Officer, including;
   a) Final Imperial County 2013 PM2.5 Plan which includes the Board Agenda Item and Staff Report
   b) Evidence of Public Hearing
   c) Air Pollution Control Board Minute Order Approving the 2013 PM2.5 Plan
   d) Comment Letters and Responses
   e) CEQA Negative Declaration
   f) SIP Completeness Checklist

II. Public notice evidence and transcript for ARB Public Meeting to consider approval of the 2013 PM2.5 Plan;

III. ARB Resolution 14-43 adopting the 2013 PM2.5 Plan as a revision to the SIP for the Imperial County PM2.5 Nonattainment Area;

IV. ARB Staff Report, *Imperial County 2013 State Implementation Plan for the 2006 24-hour PM2.5 Moderate Nonattainment Area* with appendices; and

V. Written comments received by ARB on the 2013 PM2.5 Plan.

The Plan includes the corresponding transportation conformity budgets. To ensure that any future updates to these budgets are used expeditiously in the conformity process, we request that U.S. EPA allow replacement of these budgets upon an adequacy finding for budgets in future SIPs. To accomplish this, we ask U.S. EPA to limit its approval of the budgets submitted today to last only until the effective date of future U.S. EPA adequacy findings for replacement budgets.

ARB is committed to working with U.S. EPA staff to provide any additional clarifying information needed. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Kurt Karperos, Deputy Executive Officer, at (916) 322-2739, or have your staff contact Ms. Karen Magliano, Chief, Air Quality Planning and Science Division, at (916) 322-5350.

Sincerely,

Richard Corey
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Enclosures

cc: See next page.

cc: (without Enclosures)

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