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August 6, 2013

Deborah O. Raphael
Director
Department of Toxic Substances Control
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Dear Ms. Raphael:

On August 6, 2013 our City Council voted to urge DTSC to grant the necessary permits to Waste Management for the continued operation and expansion of its B-18 landfill at the Kettleman Hills Facility.

The City of Lemoore last year sent a letter to US EPA strongly supporting the continued operation and expansion of the Kettleman Hills Facility. We have been closely following the permitting process for the Kettleman Hills Facility for many years. In addition, we have been briefed on the numerous health and environmental studies conducted and the results shared by the agencies.

Waste Management provides a critical and essential public service to our City, Kings County and the entire Central Valley. The City of Lemoore relies on the Kettleman Hills Facility for the safe treatment and disposal of our hazardous waste; this expansion is important to our City. In addition to the dozens of people that Waste Management employs at the Kettleman Hills Facility, the Facility contributes millions in taxes, payroll, and charitable contributions annually and generates a positive economic impact to the Central Valley. However, we would not be making this request if we did not believe that the Facility was safe, well regulated and did not provide an essential public service to our City and Kings County.

We have worked with Waste Management for many years. We have found WM to be a good corporate citizen and community partner. Waste Management has many employees from Lemoore and until the last few years many more residents were employed at the Kettleman Hills Facility.

We urge DTSC to grant Waste Management and the Kettleman Hills Facility the necessary permits so they can continue to provide the hazardous waste treatment and

disposal needs of our City. We believe the time has come to issue Waste Management the necessary permits.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (559) 924-6700.

Sincerely,

William Siegel
Mayor

Cc: Supervisor Richard Valle, Kings County Board of Supervisors
Robert G. Henry, Waste Management, Kettleman Hills Facility