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**RE: Tiered Environmental Review of Single-Family Home Projects in Sonoma County
2017 Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery**

Dear Mr. Helo,

The Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District (NSCAPCD) is the regulatory agency tasked with implementing air pollution control in the northern part of Sonoma County. There are two air districts in Sonoma County: the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) in the south; and the NSCAPCD in the north. Each District has its own distinct set of rules and regulations. The dividing line between the two Districts is unique and District jurisdiction may be determined by going to the NSCAPCD home page (www.NoSoCoAir.net) and entering an address into its map verification tool.

In general, it appears the Project activities will comply with the NSCAPCD rules. However, without reviewing specific plans, the NSCAPCD would remind project participants to please be aware of the following:

- Engines of stationary generators that are installed at a dwelling are likely to require a District permit if they are greater than 50HP, and diesel-powered, and intended for use outside of emergency events.
- Fireplaces and wood burning appliances (e.g.: wood and pellet stoves) are subject to emissions performance requirements in District rule. Typically, open-hearth fireplaces cannot meet the performance requirements and only current EPA-approved fireplace inserts or appliances may be installed.
- Demolition with presence of asbestos materials must use an EPA-licensed contractor for proper handling and disposal of asbestos materials. The demolition of multi-family or commercial units with asbestos materials requires formal notification to the NSCAPCD before the demolition commences.

- Please utilize best management practices during construction activities to prevent public nuisance from smoke, dust, and odor.

The NSCAPCD stands at the ready to assist Project participants and the Department should any questions arise. We do not charge for determination requests or Air District permit advisement and encourage dialogue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Bamford', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert Bamford
Air Pollution Control Officer / EO
Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District