

**FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**  
**ULTRAMAR, INC. WILMINGTON REFINERY**  
**CARB PHASE 3 PROPOSED PROJECT**

**RESPONSE TO COMMENTS**

**INTRODUCTION**

This document, together with the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) Volumes I, II, and III, and Volume I, II and III of the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) constitutes the FEIR for the proposed Ultramar CARB Phase 3 Proposed Project.

The Initial Study, Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a DEIR, and the DEIR were circulated for public review and were otherwise available at the South Coast Air Quality Management District, 21865 E. Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, California 91765-4182 or by phone at (909) 396-3600. Portions of the DEIR can also be downloaded by contacting the SCAQMD's CEQA web pages at <http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/nonaqmd.html>.

The DEIR for the proposed project was released on June 6, 2001 for a 45-day public review and comment period. The DEIR contained responses to all comments received on the NOP. In addition, the DEIR contained a detailed project description, the environmental setting for each environmental resource where the NOP determined there was a potential significant impact, an analysis of the potentially significant environmental impacts, including cumulative impacts, project alternatives, and other areas of discussion as required by CEQA. The discussion of environmental impacts included a detailed analysis of air quality, geology/soil, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology/water quality, land use/planning, noise, solid/hazardous waste, and transportation/traffic.

The SCAQMD received six comment letters on the DEIR during the public comment period. Responses to each comment letter are presented in this Volume.

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DEIR  
City of Los Angeles  
Ultramar Wilmington Refinery  
CARB Phase 3 Project  
Terminal Island Freeway  
Vic. LA-103-0.27  
SCH# 2000061113

Mr. Jonathon D. Nadler  
South Coast Air Quality Management District  
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ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT

Dear Mr. Nadler:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation in the environmental review process for the above-mentioned project. Based on the information received, we have the following comments:

Any work to be performed within State Right-of-way such as oil pipeline trenching or boring of or under State Route 1 (PCH) will need a California Department of Transportation Encroachment Permit.

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Construction road and lane closures of State Route 1 will need a Traffic Management Plan which will need to be reviewed and approved by the California Department of Transportation.

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We recommend that construction related truck trips on State highways be limited to off-peak commute periods. Transport of oversize or overweight vehicles on State highways will need a Transportation Permit from the California Department of Transportation.

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If you have any questions regarding our response, refer to our internal IGR/CEQA Record # cs/010621, and please do not hesitate to contact me at (213) 897-4429.

Sincerely,

*Carol Shing*

for

STEPHEN BUSWELL  
IGR/CEQA Program Manager

cc: Mr. Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse

**COMMENT LETTER NO. 1**  
**LETTER FROM CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Stephen Buswell  
July 5, 2001

**Response 1-1**

The comment is noted that any work performed within the State Right-of-way will need an encroachment permit from the California Department of Transportation. Construction activities associated with the pipeline portion of the proposed project could occur within the State right-of-way. Encroachment permits are expected to be submitted after the completion of the CEQA process.

**Response 1-2**

As noted on pages 4-52 of the Draft EIR, a Traffic Control Plan will be required for the pipeline construction, including construction along Pacific Coast Highway. Boring (tunneling) of the pipeline at intersections or streets with heavy traffic would eliminate the need to trench (or dig) across busy streets, thus minimizing traffic impacts. Boring can eliminate the need to route traffic around the construction area. This plan will be submitted to Caltrans for review and approval, as well as the local cities. A traffic control or management plan is expected to be required as part of the encroachment permit process.

**Response 1-3**

Truck operations for the delivery of over-size equipment and materials will be conducted to the maximum extent possible during off-peak hours to minimize construction traffic impacts. The traffic associated with the proposed project is expected to occur throughout a 24-hour period. It is expected that most of the project-related project trips will be during off-peak commute periods. As shown in Table 2-5 of the final EIR, transportation permits to transport over-sized or over-weight loads over state highways will be acquired through the California Department of Transportation.



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Dear Mr. Nadler:

PROPOSED ULTRAMAR DIAMOND SHAMROCK WILMINGTON REFINERY
CALIFORNIA REFORMULATED GAS PHASE 3 PROJECT SCH#2000061113
VOLUME I (L.A. CITY) EIR #1168/2001

We have reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Ultramar Diamond Shamrock Wilmington Refinery Phase 3 project. The project is located at 2402 East Anaheim Street in Wilmington, a community in the city of Los Angeles. This draft has been reviewed by the Planning, Land Development, and Forestry Divisions of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department. The following are their comments:

LAND DEVELOPMENT UNIT:

This project is located entirely in the City of Los Angeles; therefore the City of Los Angeles Fire Department has jurisdiction concerning this project and will be setting conditions. This project is located in close proximity to a jurisdictional area of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, however, the project is unlikely to have an impact on our ability to respond to any incidents.

The County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Land Development Unit appreciates the opportunity to comment on this project. Should any questions arise please contact Inspector Michael McHargue at (323) 890-4243

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SERVING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF:

- AGOURA HILLS, ARTESIA, AZUSA, BALDWIN PARK, BELL, BELL GARDENS, BELLFLOWER, BRADBURY, CALABASAS, CARSON, CERRITOS, CLAREMONT, COMMERCE, COVINA, CUDAHY, DIAMOND BAR, DUARTE, EL MONTE, GARDENA, GLENDORA, HAWAIIAN GARDENS, HAWTHORNE, HIDDEN HILLS, HUNTINGTON PARK, INDUSTRY, INGLEWOOD, IRWINDALE, LA CANADA-FLINTRIDGE, LA MIRADA, LA PUENTE, LAKEWOOD, LANCASTER, LAWSDALE, LOMITA, LYNWOOD, MALIBU, MAYWOOD, NORWALK, PALMDALE, PALOS VERDES ESTATES, PARAMOUNT, PICO RIVERA, POMONA, RANCHO PALOS VERDES, ROLLING HILLS, ROLLING HILLS ESTATES, ROSEMEAD, SAN DIMAS, SANTA CLARITA, SIGNAL HILL, SOUTH EL MONTE, SOUTH GATE, TEMPLE CITY, WALNUT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, WESTLAKE VILLAGE, WHITTIER

Mr. Jonathan Nadler

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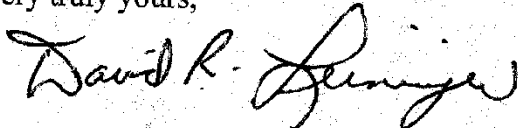
**OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS:**

The statutory responsibilities of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department Forestry Division include erosion control, watershed management, rare and endangered species, vegetation, fuel modification for Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones or Fire Zone 4, archeological and cultural resources and the County Oak Tree Ordinance. The proposed project will not have significant environmental impacts in these areas.

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If you have any additional questions, please contact this office at (323) 890-4330.

Very truly yours,



DAVID R. LEININGER, ACTING CHIEF, FORESTRY DIVISION  
PREVENTION BUREAU

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**COMMENT LETTER NO. 2**  
**LETTER FROM COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT**

David R. Leininger  
July 5, 2001

**Response 2-1**

The SCAQMD understands that the proposed project is located entirely within the jurisdiction of the City of Los Angeles. The SCAQMD acknowledges that “The proposed project is located in close proximity to a jurisdictional area of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, but the project is unlikely to have an impact on the County of Los Angeles Fire Department” because the project is not expected to impact areas of statutory responsibilities including erosion control, watershed management, rare and endangered species, vegetation, fuel modification for high fire hazard zones of Fire Zone 4, archeological and cultural resources, and the County Oak Tree Ordinance.

**Response 2-2**

The SCAQMD acknowledges the County’s conclusion that the proposed project will not have any significant environmental impacts on the statutory responsibilities of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department Forestry Division, including erosion control, watershed management, rare and endangered species, vegetation, fuel modification, archeological and cultural resources, and oak tree management.



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Mr. Jonathan D. Nadler  
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South Coast Air Quality  
Management District  
21865 E. Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4182

Dear Mr. Nadler:

**Proposed Ultramar Diamond Shamrock-Wilmington  
Refinery California Reformulated Gasoline Phase 3 Project**

The County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Sanitation Districts) received a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the subject project on June 6, 2001. We offer the following comment regarding sewerage service:

The proposed project has been revised from that presented in the Notice of Preparation/Initial Study and is currently not expected to result in an increase in wastewater discharged from the Refinery. Therefore, the Districts' wastewater facilities should not be affected.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Brent Perry at (562) 699-7411, extension 2930.

Very truly yours,

James F. Stahl

Ruth I. Frazen  
Engineering Technician  
Planning & Property Management Section

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**COMMENT LETTER NO. 3**  
**LETTER FROM COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

Ruth Frazen  
July 2, 2001

**Response 3-1**

The SCAQMD agrees with the commentators assertion that, because the scope of the proposed project has been reduced since the release of the NOP/IS, the project as currently proposed is not expected to result in an increase in wastewater or impact the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County's wastewater treatment facilities.





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Re: Ultramar Diamond Shamrock – Wilmington Refinery California  
Reformulation Gasoline Phase 3 Project

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is in receipt of the environmental document identified above. Based on a preliminary review of this document, we have determined that additional review by our regional office will be required to fully assess any potential hazardous waste related impacts from the proposed project. The regional office and contact person listed below will be responsible for the review of this document in DTSC's role as a Responsible Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and for providing any necessary comments to your office:

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Site Mitigation Region 3  
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If you have any questions concerning DTSC's involvement in the review of this environmental document, please contact the regional office contact person identified above.

Sincerely,

Guenther W. Moskat, Chief  
Planning and Environmental Analysis Section

*The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Web-site at [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov).*

**COMMENT LETTER NO. 4**  
**LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL**

Guenther Moskat  
June 19, 2001

**Response 4-1**

The Department of Toxic Substances Control should be aware that, pursuant to Public Resources Code 821091(2)(4), a lead agency may respond to comments submitted after the close of the comment period, but it is not required to. Further, as noted in the Draft EIR, refineries must comply with the Governor's Executive Order to phase out MTBE and comply with the CARB Phase 3 reformulated fuel specifications no later than December 31, 2002. As a result, there is no guarantee that late comments can be considered. No subsequent comments were received on the proposed project and no further response is required.