

**SAMPLE LETTER TO U.S. EPA**  
**RE: NRDC PETITION TO DELAY PERMITS BY SCAQMD**

Ms. Lisa Jackson  
Administrator, U.S. EPA

Dear Ms. Jackson,

***[Introduce your company/association]...***

On behalf of our [members/employees] we urge you to deny the petition by the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) (NRDC, et. al, Petition to Require California to Amend its SIP Before Issuing Permits, dated December 10, 2009) to block implementation of SB 827, which was passed by the California Legislature and signed into law by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger last year.

***[If possible, briefly describe the impact the moratorium had on your business/members (i.e., specific modernization/construction projects that could not be undertaken, layoffs or other impacts; and how SB 827 has helped (i.e., re-hired employees, begun replacing older equipment, moving forward with projects that provide essential public services, etc.)...]***

In 2009, when reporting on the effects of SB 827 California's Legislative Counsel wrote, "...if prompt legislative action is not taken to correct this situation, projects will be stopped from going forward or frozen in place, representing significant losses to the economy, as well as numerous well-paying jobs. The impact of approved projects not going forward will dramatically impede any economic recovery in southern California and contribute to another state deficit as a result of lower tax revenues. Affected projects include equipment replacement to reduce air emissions, plus projects for essential public services such as hospitals, schools, landfills, sewage treatment plants, renewable energy projects, and small sources, including small businesses that are unable to locate or afford credits on the open market."

If the NRDC petition is granted, more than 1,200 South Coast Air Quality Management District permits for small businesses and essential public services will be blocked. In addition, more than 3,000 existing permits are potentially subject to being cancelled. Many of these entities need these permits to comply with California Air Resources Board (CARB) policies. The practical reality is that blocking these permits is also bad for the environment because it stops upgrades at aging facilities. That means many of these facilities won't be able to replace older, higher-emitting equipment with cleaner, more energy efficient equipment and modern pollution control equipment.

We respectfully ask that you please deny the NRDC petition. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

***[your name, title, & your co./association]***

***Please Email your letter to: [info@YesOnSB696.com](mailto:info@YesOnSB696.com) by February 5, 2010, and it will be bundled with other coalition member letters to be personally delivered to the U.S. EPA Administrator.***

***Thank you!***