



April 25, 2008

Rich Chandler
Central Coast Water Board
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, California 93401

RE: Corrective Action Plan for Venoco (formerly Chevron) Oil & Gas Processing Facility at 5675 Carpinteria Avenue, Carpinteria, California

Dear Mr. Chandler:

The Environmental Defense Center (EDC) writes to communicate our support of comments submitted by Santa Barbara Channelkeeper on April 18, 2008, regarding the Corrective Action Plan proposed by Venoco, Inc. and Chevron Environmental Management Company for the Venoco (formerly Chevron) Oil & Gas Processing Facility at 5675 Carpinteria Avenue in Carpinteria, California.

EDC is a non-profit, public interest law firm serving California's south and central coast for more than 30 years. EDC protects and enhances the environment through education, advocacy and legal action. At present, EDC represents the Carpinteria Valley Association (CVA), Citizens for the Carpinteria Bluffs, Get Oil Out! (GOO!) and the Sierra Club – Los Padres Chapter, in an effort to review the impacts of Venoco's proposed Paredon oil & gas development project. The Paredon project is located in Carpinteria and on or near sites addressed in the above-referenced Corrective Action Plan. Subsequently, remediation and other activities contemplated by the Corrective Action Plan will affect and be affected by various components of the proposed Paredon project.

EDC echoes Channelkeeper's call that the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) must correct deficiencies in the proposed Technical Work Plan in a timely fashion, so that the site is cleaned up to levels that are truly protective of the environment and the public welfare. Please refer to Channelkeeper comments for more detail and further requests and recommendations.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Nathan G. Alley
Staff Attorney