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Mr. Juergen Fuchs
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Subject: Application Completeness Determination for the BASF FINA Petrochemicals LP –
Port Arthur Greenhouse Gas Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permit Application

Dear Mr. Fuchs:

We are writing in response to your Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit application for an Environmental Protection Agency PSD Approval to Construct to add an additional (10th) ethylene cracking furnace at the existing source and to complete other associated operational changes at the ethylene cracker.

We received your application on May 18, 2011 and have reviewed your application. From our review, we have determined that your application is administratively complete pursuant to 40 CFR 124.3(c). While we have deemed your application currently complete under Part 124, note that our action on the application will rely on PSD requirements that would be satisfied through your separate permitting action before the TCEQ. As we complete the technical review of your application, additional information may need to be submitted. This notification of administrative completeness does not imply that the EPA agrees with any analyses, conclusions, or positions contained in the application. Because of the shared responsibility of PSD permitting in Texas, please submit any changes to EPA associated with this permitting action within 10 days of notification to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to avoid potential conflicting Best Available Control Technology (BACT) determinations and delays in the issuance of the permit. If you submit new information indicating a significant change in the project design, ambient impact or emissions, or if you request a suspension in the processing of the application, this determination of completeness may be revised. We strongly recommend in the near term that you provide the additional information we discussed in our June 8, 2011 meeting to assist EPA with coordinating our review under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

We are drafting a proposed determination and when we issue our proposed decision, EPA will publish a public notice of the permitting action and allow for at least a 30 day public comment period. In addition, the documents will be made available for review by the public during the public comment period. EPA will consider and respond to all significant comments in making the final decision on the draft permit and keep a record of the persons commenting and the issues raised during the public participation process.

Should you have any questions regarding the draft permit, please feel free to contact Melanie Magee of my staff at (214) 665-7161 or magee.melanie@epa.gov.

Sincerely yours,



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