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RE: Application Completeness Determination for Equistar Chemicals, L.P.
Greenhouse Gas Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permit
Olefin Production Unit, QE-1 Unit, LaPorte Complex Texas

Dear Mr. Ruth:

This letter is in response to your application received by this office on September 29, 2011 for a Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit. After our initial review of the application and supporting information, we have determined that your application is complete. This determination is based on the additional information that was requested by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and submitted by Equistar Chemicals, L.P., in the revised GHG application that was received on May 22, 2012.

We are drafting a proposed determination on the issuance of a GHG PSD permit. EPA will publish a public notice of that proposed determination and allow for at a minimum a 30 day public comment period. In addition, documents important to the proposed determination such as the draft permit 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 application and keep a record of the persons commenting and the issues being raised during the public participation process. As we develop our proposed determination, it may be necessary for EPA to request additional clarifying or supporting information. If the supporting information substantially changes the original scope of the permit application, an amendment or new application may be required.

Although not required as a part of our completeness determination, the EPA may not issue a final permit without determining that there will be no effects on endangered species or until it has completed consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act(16 USC 1536). In addition, the EPA must undergo consultation pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 USC 470f). To expedite these consultations, the EPA requests that permit applicants provide a Biological Assessment and a cultural resources report covering the project and action area.

If you have any questions concerning the draft permit, please contact Aimee Wilson of my staff at (214) 665-7596.

Sincerely yours,



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for Director
Multimedia Planning and
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cc: Mr. Mike Wilson, P.E.
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