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RE: Application Completeness Determination for Equistar Chemicals, L.P.  
Greenhouse Gas Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permit  
Channelview North-Methanol Unit Restart, Channelview, Texas

Dear Mr. VanDerSnick:

This letter is in response to your application received by this office on October 27, 2011 for a Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit. After our initial review of the application, we determined that additional information was necessary in order to continue the processing of the permit. Accordingly, we sent notification that the application was determined to be incomplete on May 2, 2012. We received your response, including a revised GHG PSD permit application, in an email on July 6, 2012. We have reviewed your response and revised application and have determined that it is complete pursuant to 40 CFR 124.3(c).

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 Melanie Magee of my staff at (214) 665-7596.

Sincerely yours,

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