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Fourth District

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Ms. Meredith Williams  
Director of Department of Toxic Substances Control  
5701 South Eastern Avenue  
Suite 630  
Commerce, CA 90040

**Re: Final Permit Decision for PhiBro Tech Incorporated**

Dear Ms. Williams,

**I am writing to share my concerns about DTSC rendering a final permit decision for Phibro-Tech Incorporated, a hazardous waste management facility located in my district at 8851 Dice Road, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670.**

Phibro-Tech generates, handles, treats, and stores hazardous waste. This includes handling wastewater from local industries with high concentrations of copper, lead, chromium, nickel, sulfates and chlorides – **chemicals that pose serious risks** to the health of local residents especially if handled improperly.

**This facility has a long record of violating health and safety laws.** In recent years, your departments inspectors have cited Phibro-Tech with 19 class one violations and 4 class two violations for leaking containers and cracked containment barriers, and fined the facility \$495,000 for illegal storage and treatment of hazardous waste. The SCAQMD cited the facility for releasing ammonia gas. CalOSHA cited Phibro-Tech for unsafe working conditions that left one worker with acid burns and another with breathing problems after being sprayed in the face with hydrochloric acid.

Unfortunately, this problematic facility is located only 352 yards from my constituents living in the residential unincorporated Los Nietos community. **Los Nietos is one of the most environmentally vulnerable communities in the state**, and several schools including, Los Nietos Elementary, are located within a one-mile radius from the Phibro-Tech site.

I share the concerns of Los Nietos residents who are frustrated with Phibro-Tech's repeated violations and do not want to see the facility rewarded with a final permit decision.

Not only do I urge the DTSC not to approve a new permit for this facility, I believe that **this facility needs to be shut down entirely until it can come into compliance with the law.** Phibro-Tech poses too great of a threat to the health and safety of its workers and the local community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your commitment to protecting California's public health and environment.

Sincerely,

JANICE HAHN  
Supervisor, Fourth District  
County of Los Angeles

Cc: Ms. Katie Butler, Hazardous Waste Management Program Deputy Director, DTSC  
Mr. Rao Akula, Project Manager, Permitting Division, DTSC  
Mr. Phillip Blum, Supervisor, Chatsworth Permitting Division, DTSC