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Liz Kniss, Chair
Bay Area Air Quality Management District
Board of Directors
375 Beale Street, Suite 600
San Francisco, CA 94105

Re: Notice of Support – Proposed Regulation 11, Rule 18

Dear Ms. Kniss:

I write on behalf of the City of Cupertino City Council to express our support for Regulation 11, Rule 18: Reduction of Risk from Air Toxic Emissions at Existing Facilities being considered by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. We applaud the Air District's efforts to focus on those facilities causing the highest health impacts and to require these facilities to reduce those health risk.

Cupertino residents have long expressed concerns about air pollution caused by the Lehigh Southwest Permanente facility, which is located in unincorporated Santa Clara County near Cupertino. The facility excavates limestone from an on-site quarry for use in cement manufacturing, which emits hexavalent chromium known to cause acute, chronic and carcinogenic health effects.

If passed, we encourage the Air District to ensure accurate data collection in determining significant sources of toxic air contaminants and developing follow-up health risk assessments as you implement Rule 11-18.

Sincerely,

Mayor Savita Vaidhyanathan
City of Cupertino