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**Sent:** Thursday, January 08, 2015 1:47 PM  
**To:** WB-RB4-losangeles  
**Cc:** Ali, Mazhar@Waterboards  
**Subject:** Comments on Boeing NPDS Tentative Permit

Dear LA Regional Water Board,

I am writing to express my concern and opposition to the draft of the new permit for Boeing. I have family members who live ten miles from the site and I am worried about their health. The permit includes less stringent standards for water pollutants from SSFL, and this is unacceptable because it puts at risk the health of my family members among thousands of other residents in the neighboring communities. Given the long history of violations by Boeing, one would think the Regional Board would be substantially strengthening the pollution permit for this site, rather than proposing to weaken it.

Considering that the new permit would allow three or four times the total amount of many pollutants, such as mercury, thallium, zinc, and boron, and oil and grease allowed to come from many of the outfalls at the site, this situation would pose a serious threat to public health. These substances threaten the physical and neurological health of my family members and countless other individuals. It is imperative that you enforce the most stringent requirements against the release of these toxins into the public. One should decrease, not increase the total amounts of pollutants allowed from these outfalls.

If you choose to act to protect the public from harm, I trust that you will preserve the monthly average limits for pollutants, the monitoring and pollution limits from outfalls 12, 13, and 14, and the acute toxicity limits. However, the tentative permit does the opposite--eliminating monthly average limits, and getting rid of all requirements for outfalls 12, 13, and 14, as well as eliminating acute toxicity limits. I oppose such steps. Additionally, I trust that you will choose to tighten, rather than loosen, the period of the permit. Instead, you propose that the new permit last until six years after the expiration of the prior permit, rather than the current four-year permit period.

Since the mission of the LA Regional Water Board is "to preserve and enhance water quality in the Los Angeles Region for the benefit of present and future generations,"<sup>i[1]</sup> I expect that you will deem the current proposal unacceptable, and push for a new one that includes properly stringent requirements.

I ask that you direct your efforts towards tightening the standards to stop the continued release of excessive pollution from SSFL, rather than allowing more pollution for the sake of Boeing's profit motive.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to your acting on behalf of public health and safety.

Sincerely,  
Cristine Peterson

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<sup>i[1]</sup> [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/about\\_us/mission.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/about_us/mission.shtml)