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Mr. Louis Molina  
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Miami, Florida 33196

Dear Mr. Molina:

Thank you for your June 6 letter about a permit application for Rinker Materials to burn contaminated materials. I apologize for the delay in responding to your earlier letter, but I thought it had been handled.

The Rinker facility includes a cement plant, a soil treatment unit and an asphalt plant. There are a number of current permitting actions, which are explained below.

The details in your letter are about the solid waste permit for the soil treatment unit, which the department's Southeast District Office in West Palm Beach issued. Your concerns, however, involved air quality issues. In May, the Dade County Department of Environmental Resources Management, on behalf of the county and the state, issued an air permit for the soil treatment unit. By copy of this letter, I am asking Dade County to follow up on the questions you raised in your letter and to also send you a copy of any further permitting actions at the soil treatment unit. Dade County is also reviewing a separate application to burn used oil at the soil treatment unit.

The department's Division of Air Resources Management is reviewing a different permit application. This one is to replace the existing cement plant with a more efficient, modern and less polluting one. By copy of this letter, I am asking the air division to send you a copy of the department's Intent for this application so that you may provide them with your comments.

If you have any air pollution questions about the soil treatment unit, please call Ms. Eva Kunath of Dade County at 305/372-6925. If you have any questions about the cement plant modernization project, please call Ms. Teresa Heron of this department's Division of Air Resources Management at 850/488-1344. If you have any solid waste questions, please call Mr. Joe Lurix of this department's Southeast District Office at 407/681-6600.

Sincerely,

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General Counsel

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